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EARTH AND SKY

Earth: Oh Sky, you look so drear!
Sky: Oh Earth, you look so bare!
Earth: How chilly you appear!
Sky: How empty you lie there!

Sky: My winds blow icy cold
Earth: My flowers have gone from me.
Sky: Yet I've one Star of gold
Earth: And I have one green Tree.

Sky: I'll set my Star on high
Alone in its own light
For any Child to spy
Who wakes on Christmas Night.

Earth: I'll hang my Tree with toys,
Like fruit and flowers gay
For little girls and boys
To pick on Christmas Day.

Earth and Sky:
Then let the soft snow fall,
And let the cold wind blow!
We have in spite of all
A pretty thing to show;

Yes, Christmas Eve and Morn
We'll show our pretty thing
To every baby born
Of Beggar-man or King.

Earth: Oh Sky, you look so clear!
Sky: Oh Earth, you look so fair!
Earth: How bright your Star shines here.
Sky: How green your Tree grows there.

Eleanor Farjeon

MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

During the last four weeks Jannie and I have jumped all over the map of Florida and part of Alabama. Temperatures ranged from the mid-eighties to the upper-twenties. We went from brilliant sunshine to drenching rain and near-sleet storms. One day it would be too warm even for a light suit coat and the next night I would go to bed shivering with a hot water bottle. One evening we circled over Miami for one hour and a half before we could land, because there was a torrential downpour, and later we learned that people had been wading through water up to their knees in downtown Miami.

Three days later at Daytona Beach, I took a swim in the ocean and Jannie had a long run on the beach.

This was a trip of contrasts and contradictions. As the days went by, Christmas lights began to appear along the streets of even the smallest towns and I realized that here was a unanimity of spirit, permeated with love and peace everywhere, regardless of place or weather conditions. It brought back to my mind a bit from Dickens' "Pickwick Papers," and it seems appropriate now to quote it for you:

The Spirit of Christmas

"Numerous indeed are the hearts to which Christmas brings a brief season of happiness and enjoyment. How many families, whose members have been dispersed and scattered far and wide, in the restless struggles of life, are then re-united, and meet once again in that happy state of companionship and mutual good will, which is a source of such pure and unalloyed delight, and one so incompatible with the cares and sorrows of the world, that the religious belief of the most civilized nations, and the rude traditions of the roughest savages, alike remember it among the first joys of a future condition of existence, provided for the blest and happy! How many old recollections, and how many dormant sympathies,

does Christmas time awaken!

"We write these words now, many miles distant from the spot at which, year after year, we met on that day, a merry and joyous circle. ... the old house, the room, the merry voices and smiling faces, the jest, the laugh, the most minute and trivial circumstances connected with those happy meetings, crowd upon our mind at each recurrence of the season, as if the last assemblage had been but yesterday! Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childish days; that can recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth; that can transport the sailor and the traveler, thousands of miles away, back to his own fireside and his quiet home!"

Happy, happy Christmas and the best of New Years for all of you!

Annette Dinsmore

What made the tribute remarkable was its source. It appeared last month in a special 84-page edition of the stately Literary Supplement of The Times of London, an edition devoted entirely to "The American Imagination--Its Strength and Scope." The Times said: "The American imagination has become the most powerful stream of Western thought and culture." Over the past few years, more and more European intellectuals have been abandoning the idea that Americans are barbarians and taking a new look at the vitality of culture in the U.S., but it remained for The Times to sound the clarion for Europe's thinkers today. The Times rejected the notion that the American imagination was merely an extension of the European, and then went on: "It may be said that (the American imagination) flourishes better in fields other than the arts ... that the imagination of a Rockefeller or a Gould is more appropriate to American society than that of any potential Bach or Michelangelo. For it is possible to defend the argument that it is more important to design a society than to plan and execute a work of art ... What is impressive is that they (Americans) have found time for both. If neither a Bach nor a Michelangelo has as yet appeared in Detroit, a splendid mass of evidence has been assembled to point the way.

"Not only is the talent visible in ever-increasing quantity but the facilities for using it exist as nowhere else ... No social group in history has been so willing to spend money on the arts and sciences as the American rich ... In fact, it is true to say that the flowering of the American imagination has been the chief event in the sphere of living art since the end of the first world war."

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A letter published in the Soviet newspaper Trud purported to be from a wife that the fiery, chesty United Auto Workers chief, Walter Reuther, abandoned in the 1930s when he was one of a group of Americans working at the Gorki auto

factory. Reuther promptly said the story was inspired by his dispute with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev Sept. 20, in San Francisco, and labeled it "complete fabrication and falsehood." It all began, the anonymous woman wrote, when Reuther called out to her, "Hello, Miss. One moment." From that point, she said, they went to the movies and registered their marriage a week later. "I was 19 years old," the letter ran. "I grew up without a mother and had no one to warn me. He vowed his love at first sight. He said he had dedicated his life to the workers and needed a true girl friend." The honeymoon, as the 'bride' described it, was short. "Soon after we got married ... I no longer heard beautiful speeches," the letter read. "There next to me was merely a miserly, reticent man." Indeed, the marriage, if there was one, was short. "After we had lived together eight months," the Russian woman wrote, "he told me, 'I am leaving for America'." She added that she had since remarried, to an engineer, and has a daughter. All who knew Reuther agreed that at least one passage of the letter had a familiar ring: "He spoke about the chains of capitalist labor which must be broken, about bloodthirsty exploiters--my God, what he didn't talk about." The seldom-relaxed Reuther's garrulity has long been a subject for jokes among both friends and foes. "If you ask Walter what time it is," a labor colleague once remarked, "he'll tell you how to make a watch."

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Paul Butler of South Bend, Ind., the scrappy, unloved chairman of the Democratic National Committee, has an extraordinary instinct for survival. His enemies in the party have tried time and again to unseat him, but they have never succeeded. Now the anti-Butlerites are attempting to scare him out by withholding and refusing funds for the committee. Result: the national committee is in financial straits, is two months behind in the rent for its Washington headquarters, forced to beg for day-to-day handouts to meet the office payroll. Last month Chairman Butler struck back at his tormenters with a characteristic ultimatum. State organizations that do not pay up the joint $1,370,000 they owe

in overdue quotas for 1957-59, he promised, will be paid off by inferior seating and housing arrangements at the Los Angeles convention next July. The Democrats still owe $467,000 in 1956 campaign obligations. The national committee is living beyond its means at the rate of more than $86,000 so far this year, and Paul Butler has made no major move to reduce expenses. Neither has Philadelphia multimillionaire (construction) Matt McCloskey, the party treasurer, who shares with Butler the responsibility and the blame for fund-raising and budgeting. The two men are no longer on speaking terms--and the party's indebtedness continues to spiral upwards.

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Circuit Judge Sebe Dale, 62, last month empaneled the Pearl River County grand jury, charged the jurors to "go into the jury room like men, do your duty, come out like men and keep your mouths shut." With 23 cases to consider, the khaki-clad farmers and paper-mill workers returned 17 indictments. Notably missing: indictment of lynch-law executioners of Mack Charles Parker, Negro rape suspect dragged from the unguarded Poplarville jail last April and shot to death.

Accused of assaulting a pregnant white woman, Parker was abducted by 15 to 20 masked men only 48 hours before his trial in Judge Dale's court. At least ten members of the lynch mob were named by the FBI in a report to Governor James P. Coleman, who had called the G-men into the case. But the 378-page dossier, said Pearl River District Attorney Vernon Broom, was mostly "hearsay." The grand jury did not even get to see the FBI findings. Leaving the case "unsolved," the grand jury thanked Judge Dale for his "inspired charge," declared that "from the standpoint of citizenship and law enforcement, our county compares favorably with any in the world." Said the Greenville Delta Democrat-Times: "Nothing could have occurred that would go further to establish the point that a federal anti-lynching law is necessary and that the state is incapable or unwilling to accept the responsibility of prosecuting lynchers ... Every citizen who expects protection of himself and for his family should fear for his safety if this is the true climate of opinion in Mississippi."6

Messengers from outer space have already arrived on earth, and this is the news they bring: Conditions out there are favorable to life as we know it. No, not wild science fiction. This is the carefully considered opinion of the University of California's Melvin Calvin, who spoke last month to a sober-minded seminar at MIT. He used the measured words of biochemistry, but the conclusion was inescapable: Somebody may be "out there." Last year, Calvin argued on the basis of logic that there were other living beings in the universe. Since then, he has been testing his theory by studying the only space samples available to terrestrial researchers: Meteorites that streak to earth from the cosmos. Some scientists suggest that they are the ancient debris of cosmic explosions and collisions which took place when the universe was young. Usually, they burn up--the familiar shooting stars--but sometimes their interior cores stay cool enough to reach the earth intact, and end up as black, stony lumps in museums. Borrowing these, Calvin first extracted the carbon molecules and then analyzed them with a spectroscope. He found "ancestral chromosomes" similar to those on earth before the first life forms arose. "The samples indicate that the same evolutionary processes that unfolded on earth have gone on somewhere else," he said. "We are not unique."

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The Democratic Digest chided President Eisenhower for denouncing fixed TV quiz shows. It said his Republican Party has made rigged TV shows a "part of its everyday arsenal of campaign tools." It cited as an example the 1952 GOP spot commercial campaign program, "Eisenhower Answers America," in which, it said, Ike was supposed to answer questions put to him by the voters. "The 'answers' to the questions," the Digest said, "were all written by a Madison Ave. adman (more than half of them in one hectic afternoon in a studio)." The Democratic National Committee publication said that after approval by the President's brother, Milton, the answers were rushed to Ike in New York where he "read 50 of them for film in one day." It said the questions were recorded separately a week later,

using questioners "recruited especially for the task." A GOP National Committee spokesman commented that "in 'rigging' this story the Democrats haven't made it any more believable than others that they've rigged."

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From the time he was a little boy, John Willie Covington, now 23, of Newark, N.J., liked to play doctor. He would put on toy stethoscopes and "listen" to hearts and practice peering down throats with lights like doctors wear on their heads. After six weeks, starting last September 23, he was actually playing doctor, on real live patients, in the emergency ward of the busy Martland Medical Center in Newark. Doctors, nurses and internes there said he was the neatest stitcher they ever saw, "took real pride in his embroidery."

Now, Newark police say that John Willie never saw the inside of a medical school. He doesn't even qualify as an "externe," which is a sort of sub-interne, or interne's aid, according to Martland officials. Yet he gave such a plausible account of his medical school background and so excelled in an on-the-spot oral examination in prognoses, biochemistry, organic chemistry and anatomy that he was hired forthwith as an "externe" when he applied for a job at the center.

A Martland official said John Willie told him he had studied at Rutgers, Seton Hall, Howard University in Washington and the University of North Carolina and that he was currently enrolled in medical school. His credentials would arrive by mail, John Willie promised.

So John Willie went to work at the job he liked best, sewing up people and otherwise taking care of accident cases. He told reporters that his biggest job was a 64-stitch back-and-chest stabbing wound, and said on one occasion "I did a plastic surgery job on a guy whose face was all cut up."

John Willie's credentials did not arrive and the hospital did a little checking. It discovered that John Willie had never finished high school. John Willie's doctor playing ended.

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TRIVIA

HELLZAPOPPIN - In Chicago, after a blaze broke out in the lower depths of a restaurant known as Dante's Inferno and roared through its upper floors, ax-bearing firemen got at the flames by chopping their way past a large wooden figure of Satan guarding the entrance.

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TO THE POINT - After a rash of lawsuits against Mobile, Alabama, from women who claimed that they had tripped and injured themselves on the city streets, the city commission introduced a bill to outlaw spike heels more than one inch high or less than one inch in diameter.

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OUT ON LIMB - Entrepreneurs John Robinson and Vernon Clark of Denver, Colo., were charged by cops with practicing professional tree surgery without a license --and while drunk.

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PILING UP THE EVIDENCE - Police in Tokyo raided their own photo lab at headquarters, found stacks of erotic pictures that other cops had confiscated,reproduced, and sold in sets of five and ten to eager customers.

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LOGISTIC SUPPORT - When county officials of San Miguel, N. Mex., were on the verge of closing the one-room grade school for lack of students, the hamlet's residents averted the peril by hiring a teacher with three school-age children of his own.

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OFF & RUNNING - In London, accountant Francis Swain, 46, got a two-year prison stretch for embezzling about $8,400 in animal-welfare funds from the Blue Cross-Our Dumb Friends League, got no leniency for having shot the wad betting on such

dumb friends as greyhounds and race horses.

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STRONG SENTIMENT - After a milk bottle crashed through his $175 picture window, George Russo of Syracuse, N.Y., read the note inside: "Couldn't stop to say hello, so greetings anyway."

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WAY OF ALL FLESH - In London, the Anglican magazine Prism urged an investigation of British-made horror movies, but mildly suggested that nudist movies cannot long tempt the faithful, because sitting through bare-skin epics "produces a tedium so oppressive that it seems impossible that they can do harm: rather, they seem to give a hint of the timelessness of hell."

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STATE'S RIGHTS - The city council of Carbonear, Newfoundland, turned off water for ten days at the federal post office and customs building because the government had not paid its water bill.

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DISASTER PLAN - In Tokyo, a foreigner in his underwear leaped from a cab, rushed into a Red Cross office, handed the rest of his clothing to a startled clerk along with a note in English stating "For typhoon relief," dashed out.

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FILTERED DOWN - Taken to court by his wife for not making his $10-a-month support payments, Ng Kin-Cheung of Hong Kong complained that he could not afford them because he had a concubine and eight children to support, and bought cigarettes with what money was left, was ordered by the judge to cut down on smoking.

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SQUEEZE PLAY - State highway trooper K.E. Flint of Tampa, Fla., picked up a drunk in his patrol car, stopped and got out to collar a second, watched the first drive off in the police car.

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JANNIE'S CORNER

Hi there! It's me again.

The Boss and I went away for a long time.

We stayed in lots of houses. We saw lots of people.

I ran and ran on the beach one time.

We went to a farm--and there were dogs, and cats, and a pony. I played with the dogs--Sandy and Lassie. Sandy and Lassie played with me. And we ran fast. When the Boss blew a whistle, I came fast too.

One place there were birds that walked on the ground. The Boss called them ducks. But I know they were birds.

We are home now. I have my bucket of toys. I have my yard. And it has the same good smells, too!

I thought maybe we would never come home. It is good to be home. Do you think it is good to be home, too?

The Boss says Christmas is coming. What is Christmas?

Goodbye!

Jannie Dinsmore

P.S. The Boss said for me to tell you "Merry Christmas!"

SPORTS SHOTS

Second baseman Nellie Fox, 31, whose slick fielding (.988) and slap-hitting (.306; two home runs, 149 singles) led the Chicago White Sox to their first pennant in 40 years, won the American League's most-valuable-player award of the Baseball Writers' Assn... The National League's MVP: Shortstop Ernie Banks, 28, of the fifth-place Chicago Cubs, who led the majors in runs batted in (143), finished second in the majors in home runs (45), set a league fielding record for shortstops (.985), became the first player ever to win the award two years running. .. Washington's Bob Allison was named AL Rookie of the Year by the Baseball Writers' Assn. The Nat outfielder batted .261, hit 30 homers and had 85 RBI... Pee Wee Reese, 40, Dodger coach and one-time star shortstop, has accepted a two-year contract at $32,000 per year to join Dizzy Dean as a commentator on the CBS Saturday and Sunday TV Game of the Week... Fred Haney, who resigned as manager of the Braves, disclosed he will become a baseball telecaster next season. Haney will replace Leo Durocher on NBC's Game of the Week... Milwaukee's Warren Spahn, veteran pitcher who has 267 victories to his credit and who has won 20 or more games every season for the past four years, had a calcium deposit removed from beneath his left kneecap... Eddie Lopat, 41, former Yankee hurler, joined the Bombers' coaching staff, succeeding Jim Turner, and Bill Hickey, former Yankee catcher, returned to the staff as batting coach... Del Rice, 37, who broke into the majors with the Cardinals in 1945, was signed by the Cubs as a catcher, after being released as a coach by the Braves... The Minneapolis Lakers defeated the Boston Celtics 136-115, breaking by one point the scoring record of the National Basketball Assn. set in 1949 by Philadelphia... In golf, at the fashionable Eldorado Country Club in Palm Desert, Calif., the Americans, led by Sam Snead and Art Wall, took the Ryder Cup by defeating the British team, captained by Dai Rees, $8\frac{1}{2}$ by $3\frac{1}{2}$...Wisconsin will meet Washington in the Rose Bowl game, the oldest of the post-season football games.

MARGINALIA

A Miami-to-Los Angeles airliner plunged mysteriously into the fog-shrouded Gulf of Mexico, killing all 42 persons aboard... Philip Noel-Baker, 70, winner of the 1959 Nobel Peace Prize, said Red China could develop an atomic bomb in the next two years. He said he was informed that "Red China has vast nuclear plants."... Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Harlem Democrat, was ordered to appear for trial in Federal Court on January 7 on income tax charges. Powell was indicted in May, 1958, for allegedly preparing a false return for his wife, pianist Hazel Scott, and for evading a $3,000 payment on a 1952 joint return... France told the UN that it has its first atom bomb ready for testing, that it will explode it in the Sahara next year and that no protests will stay its decision. This announcement was made by France's veteran military expert Jules Moch before the UN Political Committee which started debate on a Moroccan demand that the UN ask France to forego its nuclear tests in the Sahara... Forty-seven Italian farmers received prison terms of up to 7 years for their part in Italy's "potato rebellion" of last June. The mass trial was the aftermath of a week's unrest in June in the countryside around Naples over the low price of potatoes... Max Baer, 50, former heavyweight boxing champion, died in Hollywood, where he was to appear in a series of TV commercials... Russian doctors have perfected an apparatus which enables cancer to be detected in its early stages. Its inventors explained the apparatus is based on the fact that supersonic waves are reflected differently by diseased and healthy tissues... Walter Williams, of Houston, Texas, the Civil War's last surviving soldier, celebrated his 117 birthday... Trumpeter Louis Armstrong, whose government-sponsored good-will trips throughout the world have earned him the unofficial title of "American Ambassador of Jazz," was accused of being an Israeli spy by the Egyptian newspaper Al Ahram. Armstrong retorted with: "I speak every language except Greek, and what they're saying is all Greek

to me."... Mrs. Anna Barbini, 45, and her lover, Maximilien Levesque, 24, of Aix-en Provence, France, both blind, were sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for slaying Albert Barbini, her 50-year-old sightless husband... The Ford Motor Co. announced that its Edsel was a failure and would be discontinued... Charles Van Doren, the salient figure in the TV quiz scandal, has been offered a Hollywood contract, to take the part of a prosecutor in the movie "Wake Me When It's Over."... Honey-blonde Toronto dancer Joan Stuart, 21, and Negro entertainer Sammy Davis, Jr., 33, will be married shortly after Christmas... A 12,000-ton tanker loaded with gasoline exploded in Houston, Texas, killing seven men. It took three hundred firemen 19 hours to extinguish the blaze, which could have led to a repetition of the 1947 Texas City disaster, when a similar explosion killed 512... An 8-pound-12-ounce daughter was born to Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., 45, former Congressman from New York and now a foreign-car dealer in the Capital, and his wife, the former Suzanne Perrin, 40... After a month's undercover work in which New York City detectives grew beards, wore berets and even wrote beatnik poetry, 140 narcotics squad police seized 96 suspects--singers, dancers, musicians and artists--and $1 million worth of drugs in simultaneous raids reaching from Harlem to Greenwich Village... James Mollison, 54, Scottish flier who was first to cross the Atlantic east to west--against the prevailing wind--in 1931, died in London of pneumonia... Irish Ambassador John J. Hearne announced he is sending his son, David, 21, back to Ireland "to continue his education." Young Hearne invoked diplomatic immunity--as he had done four times previously in police cases since 1957--to prevent his prosecution for a traffic death... Practice of birth control is "right as part of the Christian fulfillment of marriage," the Rev. Arthur Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of York and second ranking prelate of the Church of England, said. Restriction of population is both "inevitable and right."... Philip Willkie, 39, of Rushville, Ind., son of the 1940 Republican Presidential nominee the late Wendel Willkie, will seek the Republican nomination for Lieut. Governor of Indiana...Victor Mclaglen,

the giant who made movie history over a 30-year period in brawling and sometimes rollicking roles, died at 72... A signal post for blind persons has been placed at a busy street crossing in Munich, Germany. When a button is pressed a buzzer sounds when the light is green and keeps on sounding until the light changes to red... The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the largest Catholic church ever built in the U.S., was dedicated in Washington by Cardinal Spellman of New York... The Supreme Court reversed the conviction of John Patrick Henry of Chicago for stealing three cartons of radios because he was arrested on suspicion by the FBI. The court ruled that "suspicion is not enough for an officer to lay hands on a citizen."... A batch of paintings--family heirlooms--brought to Pasadena, Calif., in 1946 by Mrs. Maria Hataburda, a GI's Italian war bride, turned out to be Renaissance masterpieces valued at $10 million. The 10 paintings, which include works by Tintoretto, Titian, Raphael and Michelangelo, were called "the greatest art find of the century."... Somerset Maugham, 85, has written his last novel, but it will not be published until after his death, the author has disclosed... Roger (The Terrible) Touhy, 61, one of America's most notorious gangsters of Prohibition days, was paroled from Illinois State Penitentiary after serving 25 years of a 99-year sentence for kidnaping... Deborah Minardos, 27, widow of the late actor Tyrone Power, and producer Arthur Loew, Jr., 33, of the famous film family, were married in Las Vegas... The first Russian-U.S. agreement to exchange professors has been signed between Moscow State University and Columbia University. This experiment will be an enlargement of Columbia's student exchange arrangement with Russia, which has been in effect for more than a year... Sen. William Langer (Rep-N.D.), a turbulent nonconformist who earned his nickname of "Wild Bill" in 45 years of political battling, died at 73... Miss Judie McKeller, of Los Angeles, celebrating her 108th birthday, advised: "Live joyously."

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

During the Convention of the American Association of Workers for the Blind in Detroit last summer, we gave out two types of cards to be used in conversing with deaf-blind people. These cards were presented with the compliments of the Foundation and were received with a great deal of interest. Although these cards would primarily be useful in emergency situations, here was simple but concrete evidence that it is possible to talk to a deaf-blind person. We made no claim that the idea for either card was original with us, and the suggestion for passing them out at the Convention came from Jack Murphey, of St. Louis.

However, the project seemed well worth-while since it helped to focus the attention of the audience on the need for communication with deaf-blind people. We still have some of these cards on hand.

Each card is attractive and pleasing to the touch. One card, a pretty shade of blue, has raised letters in alphabetical order and the figures from one to zero. It is made of plastic and is three and three-quarters by six and one-quarter inches in size. It should be helpful to deaf-blind persons who are unfamiliar with braille. The speaker places the finger of the deaf-blind person on various letters to spell words, and the deaf-blind person can reply by pointing out letters in the same way if his speech cannot be understood. The other card is in white plastic, three and one-half by four and one-half inches in size, with the alphabet printed in blue. Under each printed letter is the raised braille letter, and each line begins with a vowel to speed up locating the letters. This card is used the same way as the first, but the finger of the deaf-blind person is placed on the braille letter in a position not to cover up the printed letter above. Either card can be carried easily in a pocket.

A number of requests for these cards have already been received as a result

of the Detroit meeting. As long as the supply lasts, we shall be glad to send one to any totally deaf-blind person who can make use of it.

TAG will reach you this month just before Thanksgiving. We hope that all of you will have a chance to be with friends and that your table will be laden with the good things of life. After a couple of weeks of working with the Florida Council for the Blind, Jannie and I will spend Thanksgiving with Betsie's foster parents, Ray and Norm. It will be Jan's first visit there and we only wish Betsie could be with us too.

It will seem strange not to be in Philadelphia this year, with the family, reviewing the most exciting plays in the football game.

Thank you--all of you--for your friendship.

Annette Dinsmore

NEWS DIGEST

When the returns from his Presidential poll were tabulated, Bill Baggs, editor of The Miami News, could hardly believe his eyes. In Miami and surrounding Dade County, which has a registration of 331,739 Democrats to only 46,884 Republicans, Vice President Richard Nixon was the runaway winner over all other candidates, Democratic or Republican. "I was astounded," said Baggs, a Democrat by inheritance and conviction. "But the poll was honestly conducted and we felt that it spoke for itself."

To test the pre-1960 political feelings of Dade County (about one-fourth of Florida voters), Baggs and his staff sent out ballots to a 1,000-man cross section of News subscribers, and asked them to check their choices for President, Nixon walked off with 48 per cent. Trailing Nixon, in order, were Rockefeller, 13 per cent; Sen. John Kennedy, 11 per cent; Adlai Stevenson, 10.5 per cent; Sen. Stuart Symington, 10 per cent; Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, 4 per cent.

For Vice President Nixon, last month was a big month all over in straw votes. A nonpartisan California poll showed him beating Stevenson, 51 per cent to 43, and Kennedy, 51-44, while Rockefeller took Stevenson, 48-44, and lost to Kennedy, 45-46. But Nixon's best report came from the latest Gallup poll. Gallup found the Vice President at a new peak of popularity in his own party. According to Gallup, 68 per cent of Republican voters back Nixon for President next year, as against 18 per cent for Rockefeller.

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When dictator Juan D. Peron was finally tossed out in 1955, the Roman Catholic Church was an archenemy. Peron had been excommunicated for throwing two priests out of the country. He had legalized divorce and prostitution and had sent his hordes to burn Buenos Aires churches. Well aware of all this, many Argentines were shocked last month to learn that some priests now are actually courting Peron's supporters. Led by Archbishop Antonio Plaza of La

Plata, they are forming a new party whose fondest hope is to restore Peron's dictatorship. Archbishop Plaza fired an opening gun in the campaign by organizing a "Social Christian Week" of mass meetings in the industrial suburbs around Buenos Aires. Ontonio Cardinal Caggiano, who sees Peron as "the only bulwark against Communism," helped Plaza obtain a Vatican letter which conveyed "special apostolic blessing" on the rallies. They turned out to be Peronista politics mixed with blasphemy. At one, a labor boss called Peron "a new Jesus come to earth." Democratic Catholics denounced the Catholic-Peronista combination as an "unholy alliance, frankly totalitarian." Not so, said one of Plaza's priests. "Upper-and middle-class Catholics," he explained blandly, "must think less about the sacrilege of burning churches and more about Christian forgiveness."

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Electric currents fill its veins
Instead of thoroughbred blood.
So it never gives its rider pains,
Or throws him in the mud.

The subject was President Calvin Coolidge's electric hobby-horse; the year was 1925; the composer of the doggerel was Rep. Fred Vinson of Kentucky, later to become Chief Justice of the United States. Rep. Robert Luce of Massachusetts angrily challenged the propriety of attacking Presidential dignity, but the irreverent Vinson read all 48 lines of his verse on the floor of the House of Representatives. Overnight, "Cal's Hobby-Horse" became as famous as Man o' War, and the entire country rocked with horse laughs. The vaudeville stages of the nation echoed and re-echoed with jokes about "electric oat burners," the old humor magazines like Life and Judge were filled with cartoons, and Will Rogers, twirling a rope on the stage of the Ziegfeld Follies, wryly remarked that it was better to have a President on a mechanical horse than on a live jackass. Cal's "electric horse" spurred a whole fad. Col. Robert R. McCormick, publisher of The Chicago Tribune, held a conference while sitting astride such a beast, wearing a polo helmet and wielding a mallet. William

Jennings Bryan had one on order when he died, just after the Scopes trial. Every luxury liner on the Atlantic had an electric horse in its gymnasium. The mechanical horse's paces were controlled by a series of push buttons, and President Coolidge himself added to the nation's merriment when--so the story went--he accidentally pushed all the buttons at once and the horse threw him.

Last month, for the first time in a generation, Cal's electric horse was back in the news. Mrs. Kenneth H. Hemenway, who had inherited the horse (her husband was the son of Coolidge's law partner, Ralph W. Hemenway), presented it to the Forbes Library in Northampton, Mass. There, the pretty girls who go to Smith College presumably would have the final chuckle.

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When the police brought in two dogs to help flush a trapped burglar out of a building in Baltimore, he leaped out of a second-story window, breaking both ankles. "I looked at the dogs and I looked at the pavement," he explained afterwards, "and I decided the pavement was safer."The 100-lb. members of the Baltimore police department's K-9 Corps have a demoralizing effect on law-breakers. Last year the three dozen dogs were credited with assisting in close to 500 arrests, but their greatest value, says Inspector Leo T. Kelly, is the "deterrent effect" of their mere presence on the streets. In the three years since the city's K-9 Corps got started--with two dogs--Baltimore has been one of the few big cities in the U.S. where crime rates have dropped.

Flagued by upsurging crime rates, the District of Columbia decided to imitate neighbor Baltimore and set up a police-dog corps. As in Baltimore, the dogs will be male German shepherds, trained by expert handlers, and each dog will be assigned to a particular patrolman, working only with him. Eventually, said District Commissioner Robert E. McLaughlin, the police department hopes to have 80 to 100 dogs on duty in the nation's capital.

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Despite the avowed atheism of the Soviet regime, there are still some 30 million Christians in the Soviet Union. And each year, thousands of couples,

wearing crowns (to symbolize their hoped-for triumph over the difficulties of life), are married in the solem pageantry of Russian Orthodox Church rites. In a letter to the editor of Izvestia last month, a Soviet worker registered his dismay that religion, 42 years after the revolution, still is "exploiting the basic aspirations of man" with such ritualism. "It seems to me," wrote A. Usakovsky, a shop foreman at Moscow's Likhachev automobile plant, "that many of those who get married in church or christen a child, do so not because they believe in God, but because they are uplifted by the ritual." It's natural, Usakovsky admitted, that people should want to celebrate the big events in their lives. But if there must be ceremonial rites, they should be authentically Soviet, and they should include other moments that are important in the life of a Soviet citizen. For instance, there should be bigger and better fireworks celebrations on Nov. 7 (the anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution) and ceremonies for workers' holidays. Izvestia enthusiastically endorsed the proposal and opened a contest for the best ideas for new rites--marriage, coming of age, and other occasions. Prizes will be awarded by the paper for the best entries, and to preserve the true Soviet "democratic" tradition, Izvestia's readers will be the judges.

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It was the first day of school and, like any bunch of kids, the occupants of this particular school bus were yattering away in the back, poking their heads out the window, scratching and pawing each other, and generally raising all kinds of hell. But this was no ordinary bus, nor was it bound for the usual kind of school. The passengers were eleven of the ritziest dogs in New York. Mr. Barney's School for Dogs is the latest wrinkle in chic dogdom in New York. The dogs have their own bus, a red Volkswagen which call for them every day, and they carry their own lunch boxes in their teeth. The school run by Mr. Barney (Barney Morovitz) opened last month in New York's fashionable East Sixties, and classes began a day after Columbus Day. A week's tuition

averages $50. In addition to learning obedience, the dogs' personality problems (like shyness and neuroticism) are dealth with. Recess is, of course, part of the school day, and at the cookie break, Mr. Barney eyes the group severely, asking: "Who is the best child?" When his name is called, each dog goes forward to claim his cookie. At the end of the day, having been assured that they "are all good children," the dogs tear down the stairs, out the red schoolhouse door, and plop themselves into their bus--all set to go home and show how much they learned at school that day. There's no homework.

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The stamps had an odd look. No matter how she turned the red, white and blue issue commemorating the St. Lawrence Seaway opening, Mildred Mason, 20, a stenographer for a Winnipeg theater chain, could not get them right side up. She looked closer and realized that the center design and some lettering on 27 newly purchased stamps were upside down. Stenographer Mason and five others promptly formed a syndicate, notified Winnipeg stamp dealer Kasimir Bileski of their find. Astounded at the error, the first to reach the public in Canada's century of stamp printing,Bileski offered the syndicate $1,000 a stamp. The Winnipeg find--in August--touched off a treasure hunt for the upside-down seaways. Only a few were lucky. The Post Office Department, which guessed that 600 stamps had been reversed between printings, quickly found 300 of them. Possibly 200 more had been located by dealers or collectors; the rest were lost. Last month the Winnipeg syndicate took up dealer Bileski's offer, sold him 16 of the stamps for $16,000. For alert Mildred Mason, who first noticed the upside-down seaway, the initial reward was a right-side-up $5,500.

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Slumped in a maximum security cell in Mississippi's State Penitentiary, awaiting execution for the murder of a white woman in 1954, Robert Lee Goldsby, 32, a Negro, has one abiding concern: saving his life. Last month the onetime lathe operator, whose death has been postponed five times in the past four years, won yet another legal delay, while simultaneously (and unwittingly) nudging for-

ward the cause of Negro civil rights in the Deep South. Opening its fall term, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review--and thereby affirmed--last January's far-reaching decision of the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals: that Goldsby's constitutional rights were denied by "systematic exclusion" of Negroes from the jury that tried him. Under Mississippi law, grand and petit juries are drawn from lists of citizens who have registered and paid poll tax. Among the 8,836 Negroes of Carroll County, Miss. (pop. 15,448), where Goldsby was indicted and tried, there is not one registered voter--hence, no qualified Negro juror. Twenty-two other Mississippi counties with similarly heavy Negro populations are also without Negro voters. Taking note of these statistics, U.S. Circuit Judge Richard T. Rives, Alabama-born, ordered Goldsby retried within eight months (after the Supreme Court ruling) before "a legally constituted jury" (i.e., one chosen from a panel from which Negroes have not been excluded), threatened to grant Goldsby's pleas for a writ of habeas corpus if the state failed to comply. Plainly implied is a warning with impact beyond Mississippi's borders: Negroes cannot lawfully be convicted of crime in counties that bar Negroes from jury service.

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The Cuban regime of Fidel Castro has deported an undesirable alien: Santa Claus. Although in recent years the white-whiskered fellow in the red suit has been the center of Cuban Christmas decorations in stores and homes, Senora Vicentina Antuna, director of culture of the Ministry of Education, told merchants and industrialists that the coming yule season must be "typically Cuban." To back it up, she banned all importations of Christmas decorations, cards, and toys. Santa, she said, "is foreign to our customs ... and our sensitivity." The order did not go without protest in the Times of Havana, columnist Carlos Todd wrote: "No chauvinistic person or group of persons is going to tell me and my children that something that has thrilled, charmed, and excited them during the very early years of their life is going to be banished from my home."

TRIVIA

TATTLED - In Philadelphia, a woman registered at the Essex Hotel returned by mistake at midnight to the nearby City Hall Annex, stumbled into the Health Department suite, complained bitterly to a phone operator that her room was filled with skeletons.

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THE GIFTED CHILD - Charged with giving her 14-year-old son a "shopping list" of items she wanted him to steal, Mrs. Dolores Myers of San Diego, Calif., explained: "The boy has had sticky fingers since he was just a little fellow. I thought he might as well make the most of it."

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ROOM AT THE TOP - Mayor Tetusaburo Susuda of Hiraya, Japan, announced an economy drive, cut his own salary from $111 to $69 a month, proposed to take over the jobs of assistant mayor, treasurer, and property-assessment committee.

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MATTER OF FOCUS - Fined $5.60 for ignoring a cop's traffic signal, Leslie Seiville of Tavistock, England, explained: "I didn't see any signal. I was looking for an optician."

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BUSYBODY - Albert A. Tammer of Venice, Calif., stepped in to separate five girls who were fighting, learned too late that it was a mistake; the ladies gave him a good pummeling, took his wallet and cigarette case for good measure.

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DOPE SHEET - In Toronto, Ont., a Telegram racing expert picked Joker's Hill to show in the featured fifth at Old Woodbine track, had some explaining to do when Joker's Hill never ran, turned out to have bowed a tendon, was shot a week before the race.

REBUTTAL - When the town's selectmen of Lisbon Falls, Me., increased the tax rate on real estate, the citizens held a special meeting, voted to dismiss all five selectmen from their jobs.

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PUBLIC OFFERING - In Detroit, when imaginative investment dealers B.C. Morton & Co. entered a car in the state fair parade covered with a hundred $1 bills, with a driver whose hat was decorated with $1 bills, a mob closed in, stripped both car and driver.

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ASSISTED TAKE-OFF - When his wife crashed through a closed bedroom window and landed in the shrubbery two floors below, Roland Boomer of Cleveland, Ohio, explained: "I just tickled her."

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WITHOUT STARCH - In Denver, while awaiting investigation for burglary in the county jail, Bernadine Maes had two inmates put her in an outgoing laundry bag, traveled for a bumpy half hour in the back of a truck, was delivered to the city jail.

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STABLE CHARACTER - When neighbors complained about the horse in her home, Mrs. Bridie O'Hare of Leamington, England, indignantly objected: "He only drops into the kitchen occasionally to have a drink of water."

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WITHERING - Mrs. Marjorie Creasy of Melbourne, Australia, was convicted of using the telephone mischievously after she ordered funeral wreaths to be sent to a woman she disliked.

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SLOW BURN - In Yorii, Japan, Mina Ogawa, 76, took belated revenge on her ex-fiance, Kinjyuro Oba, 83, who broke off their engagement 39 years ago, set fire to his house and destroyed it.

JANNIE'S CORNER

Hi there! It's me again.

There are leaves on the ground now. There are leaves in my yard and I eat them sometimes. There are leaves in the park. They fall on me and I step on them. They slip under my paws if it is wet. The park is exicting! Sometimes there are birds that fly up when I jump at them. Sometimes there are people on benches and they smile at me. But the leaves are all around. The wind blows them and they dance.

The Boss says that is because it's fall now.

The Boss says it will soon be Thanksgiving and that is the time to say "thank you." I can do that.

Thank you for my yard.

Thank you for the park and the leaves.

Thank you for nice smells.

Thank you for yummies and liver.

Thank you for my bucket of toys--the balls, the crackle bones, and the rubber tenpin.

Thank you for my Boss.

Thank you for friends.

Goodbye!

Jannie Dinsmore

SPORTS SHOTS

The White Sox and the Giants dominated the 1959 Associated Press major league all-star team, with second baseman Nellie Fox, catcher Sherm Lollar and pitcher Early Wynn from Chicago and first baseman Orlando Cepeda, outfielder Willie Mays and pitcher Johnny Antonelli from the Giants. Others on the team: Ed Mathews and Hank Aaron of the Braves, Ernie Banks of the Cubs and Al Kaline of the Tigers. Not a single Dodger or Yankee was selected by the 173 members of the Baseball Writers Assn....Sam (Toothpick) Jones, 34, sidearming workhorse of the San Francisco Giants, was named the National League's pitcher of the year by United Press International. He appeared in fifty games and 271 innings, compiling a 21-15 won-lost record and 2.99 earned-run average....Joe Cronin, president of the American League, formally notified Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick that his league "planned to expand in the future." Although Cronin gave no details, the Associated Press said the AL would expand to ten teams, possibly next year, with two new franchises, New York and Minneapolis....Charley Dressen, a Dodger coach for the past two years, signed a two-year contract at $35,000 annually to manage the Braves, replacing Fred Haney who quit after the Braves failed to win their third straight NL pennant....Bill Rigney, 41, was rehired as manager of the Giants with a one-year contract calling for an estimated $40,000. The Giants finished third in the NL after leading much of the year....Sal Maglie, 42, former Giant hurling ace, joined the Red Sox as a pitching coach....The Yankees are going all-out to improve their pitching, with their "Fall Roster," listing 20 out of 39 players as hurlers....Walt Ingram, 25, of Weirton, W. Va., died of head injuries suffered in a bout in Mexico with Jose Becerra, the world bantamweight champion. It was the world's fifth ring death this year.... Top ten college football teams: La. State, S. Calif., Northwestern, Syracuse, Miss., Texas, Wis., Purdue, Auburn, Penn State. 12

MARGINALIA

Dr. Vladmir Demikhov, the Soviet surgeon who created a two-headed dog, said he is preparing to graft a leg onto a 20-year-old girl who lost her right leg in a train accident. He said in a Moscow interview reported by the London Daily Herald, "I can now take the limb from a person who has died and transplant it onto a living person."...U.S. chess champion Bobby Fischer, 16, of Brooklyn, N. Y., stunned the chess world by defeating Soviet grand master Paul Keres in the candidates' tournament for the chess world championships held in Zagreb, Yugoslavia. He accomplished his sensational victory in three hours, with 27 moves...Fidel Castro in a four-hour tirade accused the U.S. of "shamelessly" permitting planes to leave its territory to "bombard" Cuba in an attempt to overthrow his regime...Russia, using rocket propulsion techniques unknown to American experts, plans to land men on the moon--and bring them back alive--as early as next year, according to evidence obtained by the U.S. Air Force. The Red space-conquest timetable, speeded up eight to 20 years by some secret new research breakthroughs, now calls for manned spaceships to the moon sometime between 1960 and 1965; after that would come an attempt to reach Mars... U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Benson, his voice breaking with emotion, preached a sermon of love and truth in an old church in midtown Moscow. His patent sincerity caused many in the audience to weep openly...President Eisenhower's sister-in-law, Mrs. George Gordon Moore, and her husband and the President's son, Lt. Col. John Eisenhower, and his wife were dropped from the 1960 edition of Washington's unofficial "Social List." The anonymous board of governors of Washington's big green social bible gave no reasons for its action...The hidden side of the moon is largely drab plains with far fewer landmarks than we see on its face, Russian scientists said. They presented this analysis of photographs ascribed to picture-taking apparatus aboard Lunik III--used October

7 as the Soviet satellite passed beyond the moon...A copy of John James Audubon's "Birds of America" was sold at a London auction for $36,400. The work, in four volumes, was published between 1827 and 1838, and contains 425 plates of Audubon's paintings...Italian poet Salvatore Quasimodo, 58, a onetime Communist Party member, received the Nobel Prize in literature. He received the coveted prize despite the public controversy he recently touched off in Catholic Italy over a poem which likened the launching of Russia's first sputnik to "God's work." ...Renowned actor Charles Coburn, 83, though unable to climb the steps to the county clerk's office to get the license, was married to Mrs. Winifred Natzka, an attractive, blonde widow of 41...The first all-girl quintuplets ever to be born in the U.S. arrived three months prematurely to Mrs. Cecelia Hannan, 27, wife of Lt. Charles G. Hannan, 29, of Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Despite the efforts of a team of nine doctors, all died...Robert E. Webster, 30, an American worker at the U.S. Moscow exhibition who has a wife and two children in Zelienople, Pa., renounced his citizenship and became a Soviet subject "for ideological reasons."...Actress Elizabeth Taylor signed a $1 million contract for one picture, "Cleopatra," becoming the first feminine film star to receive such an amount... Thrill killer Nathan Leopold, now a hospital attendant in Puerto Rico, filed a $1,405,000 damage suit against author Meyer Levin and producer Daryl F. Zanuck of "Compulsion," a novel and motion picture based on the sensational 1924 thrill murder in Chicago of Bobby Franks...Monte Blue, 72, film star of a generation ago, married Mrs. Betty Jean Mess, 42, a portrait painter...Mario Lanza, 38, the golden-throated American-born tenor who was often called the second Caruso, died of a heart attack in Rome...Bertrand Russell declared that a close alliance between the United States and the Soviet Union is likely in the near future, and that this in effect will be a world government. The eminent philosopher said during a TV discussion that this alliance would come about because both great powers "are so afraid of China."...The Rev. Robert Laidlaw Rolls, 39,

a Protestant Episcopal minister of Niagara Falls, Ont., who drives a Jaguar sports car and wears Bermuda shorts in the summer, was married to night-club singer Barbara Alcorn, 27...A long-secret letter, made public for the first time in an official biography of Queen Mary, disclosed that the late Queen was angered and pained by the abdication of her son King Edward VIII in 1936 for love of American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson...Two famous female mountain clibers, Mrs. Claude Kogan, 39, of France and Claudine van der Stratton, 26, of Belgium, perished in a blizzard on a 23,000-foot-high mountain peak in the Himalayas...Profs. Owen Chamberlain, 39, and Emilio Segre, 54, of the University of California, will share the 1959 Nobel Prize in physics, for having demonstrated in 1955 the existence of the subatomic particle called the anti-proton. The chemistry prize went to Prof. Jaroslave Heyrovsky of Prague, Czechoslovakia, for having devised in 1922 an electrochemical method of analysis...Bernard Berenson, 94, author, wit and the world's greatest authority on Italian Renaissance art, died in Florence, Italy, where he had been living for the past 73 years...Jours de France reported that Princess Margaret, 29, would announce her engagement to Canadian lawyer John Napier Turner, 30. The popular French magazine said the Queen and Queen Mother Elizabeth would sanction the match despite religious differences...Canned applause and laughter, "spontaneous" interview shows that are actually rehearsed, and other deceits will no longer appear on C.B.S. programs, the network announced. Frank Stanton, C.B.S. president, said that the moral problems posted by the quiz scandal was "far broader than just the quizzes."...A gang of smooth, daring thieves pulled the biggest jewel robbery in London's history by looting four shops of $1,400,000. Baffled Scotland Yard put 25 sleuths on the job, raided known "fences" and watched ports and airfields, but found no clues...Mrs. Carolyn Miller of Worcester, Mass., was granted a divorce after she testified that her husband's 72 cats were too much for her.

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

A ripple of excitement is running through the whole Foundation these days and particularly in the department of Services to the Deaf-Blind. This is because of a new play, "The Miracle Worker," that will open on Broadway October 19.

The play depicts the events of the first four weeks that Annie Sullivan spends in the Keller home at Tuscumbia, Alabama, trying to reach through to the mind of the seven-year-old Helen.

Here is a child who has never known discipline, rebellious and confused because of the barriers surrounding her--barriers created by her deafness and blindness. After weeks of repetition and many clashes of will between Annie and her pupil, Helen suddenly catches on to the idea that words, spelled into her hand, have meaning, and that everything has a name. This is the miracle that happens--the beginning of language and Helen's mental growth.

Betty Riley and I have a double interest in the success of "The Miracle Worker" because Anne Bancroft, who takes the part of Annie Sullivan, came to us for consultation. We spent two delightful evenings with her. She showered us with questions, and we found her highly intelligent and extremely enthusiastic--a girl who obviously could throw herself completely into a role. We soon felt as if we were actually talking to the eighteen-year-old Annie.

On the second evening, we introduced her to Raymond Boduch, a lad who has been deaf and blind since he was twenty-one months old. She was delighted with his speech, his language, and his personality.

A week later, Betty Riley took a little seven-year-old deaf-blind girl to the theatre where the cast was rehearsing. The little girl was sweet and attractive, but she presented a vivid example of typical frustration when she threw a small tantrum right on the stage. Patty Duke, the child actress taking

the part of Helen in the play, was particularly fascinated by the little girl.

"The Miracle Worker" was tried out in Philadelphia for two weeks, and has just opened in Boston for a short run. The reviews have all been excellent--real "rave" notices. Here are some excerpts from the first newspaper review:

"It has been many years since an ovation the like of which followed the final curtain of "The Miracle Worker" ... has been heard in a Philadelphia theatre."

"Gibson has wrought a play which kept his audience alternating between rapt, breath-holding silence and spontaneous outbursts of applause for its many high spots."

"Among its other great qualities, the play is a vehicle for superb acting. Anne Bancroft ... confirms her stardom."

"... Withal she is tender, wryly humorous and kind, and when Miss Bancroft smiles, the whole stage lights up."

"As her charge, little Patty Duke ... is something of a miracle herself."

The Philadelphia Inquirer - 9/14/59

All of this gives us hope that the production will please the sophisticated, critical New York theatre-going public. We feel that the effect of this play can further the cause of little deaf-blind children everywhere.

Annette Dinsmore

NEWS DIGEST.

In a walnut-paneled office in the Oregon State Capitol last month, five men thumbed through eight national magazines and eight metropolitan newspapers from across the country. From time to time, they clipped articles and pasted them in scrapbooks. The pages bore mostly familiar names--Nixon, Kennedy, Rockefeller, Stevenson, Humphrey--and each day the list grew longer. By next March 11, there would be eight or ten dossiers, each fat as a force-fed goose. And these dossiers would have as much to say about who was running for President as Rockefeller, Kennedy, Stevenson, et al. For, under a unique law passed by this year's Oregon legislature, Secretary of State Howell (Tiny) Appling must decide, principally on the basis of press clippings, what names will go on the ballot for the state's Presidential primary election next May 20. And once Tiny Appling has picked a name, the only way its owner can keep it off the ballot is by signing an affidavit that he has no intention of running for, or interest in serving as, President--something about as attractive to the average politician as walking the plank.

Adlai Stevenson, for example, can say every hour on the hour from now until the March deadline that he's not a candidate for President, but if Oregon's Secretary of State taps Adlai Stevenson, his only escape will be to swear that he won't run. You can't play it coy and cozy with Tiny Appling. The Oregon law, which prescribes that the Secretary of State's only criterion for selection is that he "shall have determined in his sole discretion that such candidate's candidacy is generally advocated or recognized in national news media throughout the United States," has another gambit to torment reluctant tigers: A man can be placed on the ballot by initiative petition of 1,000 voters and nothing at all can keep it off. As a result, Oregon promises the biggest free-for-all, bare-knuckled, no-holds-barred primary in the country for both political parties in 1960. All the candidates mentioned prominently, eager and bashful alike, are

almost certain to be contending. A poor showing by a Kennedy or a Symington might well end his chances for the Presidency; a runaway vote for a Nixon or a Rockefeller or a Stevenson might sweep his party's wavering delegates aboard the bandwagon.

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For seven stealthy years, handsome Helli Maria Kastner-Srubar, 37-year-old reporter for the Viennese weekly Grosse Oesterreich Illustrierte, was a familiar, smartly dressed figure at the press showings of Paris fashion collections in the houses of Fath, Lanvin, Patou, and Dior. She always dispatched voluminous reports to Vienna. But rarely did the magazine publish anything under her name. Only last month, when the long arm of the French law looped around her modish shoulders, did it become known what became of Helli's carefully prepared copy. The Paris police, after lodging the lady in Petite Roquette Prison for Women, charged that she was a fashion spy who copied original designs and slipped them to pirates in the U.S. Haute couture, the police estimated, thus lost 5 billion to 6 billion francs ($10 million to $12 million) a year. The shocked police of Paris, where fashion theft is a crime punishable by imprisonment and fine, told of finding hundreds of sketches in Helli's hotel just off the Champs Elysees--including 84 Dior, Ricci, Cres, and Revillon models not to be publicly disclosed until fall. Fraulein Kastner-Srubar, the police said, sold her sketches through a Vienna maildrop to New York firms.

Helli's arrest was only an incident in the long bitter war between haute couture and enterprising pirates. As a "Kodak" a fashion spy whose eyes record every detail of a dress like a camera, she belonged to the hardest-to-catch category. "Good Kodaks like Fraulein Kastner-Srubar can remember up to 50 models out of 150 seen in one showing with 80 or 90 percent accuracy," said a French fashion-industry counterspy. Other spies use stenography--a comma, perhaps, as the shorthand symbol for a long sleeve and a dot for a plunging neckline--to record the details of a dress. Since buyers and reporters may make notes at a showing, stenographer spies also are hard to spot. What about smuggling miniature cameras into

a showing? "Only a fool would try it today," one leading couturier said.

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Mississippi, the South's lowest ranking state in per capita income and educational spending, last month took its place in the political scale. Winner of the Democratic nomination for Governor (and automatic election next November) was as bitter a racist as inhabits the nation. Ross Barnett, 64, who had tried for Governor twice before and lost, won, this time by a vote of 230,000 to 195,000 over Lieutenant Governor Carroll Gartin, mostly on the basis of statements such as: "The Negro is different because God made him different to punish him. His forehead slants back. His nose is different. His lips are different, and his color is sure different."

Ross Barnett, the tenth son of a Confederate veteran, is a prosperous Jackson damage-suit lawyer and a Baptist deacon, and, happily for his campaign, he talks and acts like a back country bumpkin, a campaign posture that wowed the rednecks. In his Jim Crow campaign, he resorted to every sort of distortion and epithet. He defied the U.S. Supreme Court, hurled Mississippi mud at Gartin (whom he called "Little Boy Blue") and Gartin's patron, moderate (for Mississippi) Governor J.P. Coleman. In Poplarville, scene of the recent lynching of a Negro named Mack Parker, Gartin was greeted by Barnett posters on every telephone pole: "Remember Hungary. Remember Little Rock. Remember the occupation of Poplarville by J.P. Coleman and the FBI...If Gartin is elected, the next occupation forces may be the N.A.A.C.P. and specially trained goon squads from the Justice Department." One of Barnett's first acts as Governor will be a conference with his particular hero, Arkansas' Governor Orval Faubus and like-minded Southern segregationists. "I'm going to put forth every effort," he promised, "to organize Southern Governors to create and crystallize public opinion throughout the nation with reference to our tradition and Southern way of life." Crowed State Democratic Chairman Bidwell Adam after the election: "I want to say I'm thankful to God that Ross Barnett has saved Mississippi."

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The report from a laboratory in Tiflis seemed, on the face of it, too startling to be true. Russian researchers claimed to have grown new lenses in the eyes of rabbits. To ophthalmologists in the world over, the implications were heartening enough. If it would work in humans, the growing numbers of aged persons who are undergoing cataract removal may someday be freed from wearing the thick, cumbersome bifocals which at best give them only limited vision. But most American eye specialists, mindful of sweeping Soviet claims in medical discovery, frankly doubted the report. Two British scientists, Dr. D. Stenhouse Stewart and Paul G. 'Espinasse were less skeptical. In 1955, in the early stages of the research, Dr. 'Espinasse paid a visit to the laboratory at Tiflis, where Prof. P.S. Chanturishvili and Dr. Tamara Sikharulidze showed him their rabbits and explained the lens-growing technique. Last month, in the British journal Nature, Drs. 'Espinasse and Stewart reported that they have duplicated the spectacular experiment. Following the Russian lead, the British scientists took cells from the eyelids of three-week-old rabbit embryos and implanted them in the empty lens capsules of adult rabbits. Within eight weeks, they said, the adult rabbits had grown lenses which were "comparable in refractive power to the normal lens." And, while the Russians had thought that sixteen months were needed for a normally shaped and sized lens to grow, the British ophthalmologists said that in only eleven months "our most promising rabbits have lenses already little different from the normal." Next step in the research: To see if other animals--and eventually man--can grow new lenses.

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Dread of impending shame weighted with crushing force on Cheng Guan Lim, Chinese engineering student at the University of Michigan. He was doing badly in physics and math, thought he was sure to flunk out. Soon there would be nothing for it but to leave school, quit his job as janitor at Ann Arbor's First Methodist Church, and take the humiliating news back to his schoolteacher father in Singapore. Finally, one day in October 1955, Cheng disappeared. His friends, including

the Rev. Eugene Ransom, pastor of the church, called in police. They found no clues.

This summer cheng's Methodist friends had another mystery to ponder: strange bumping noises that came out of the deserted church by night. Early one morning last month a pair of private detectives, called in by Mr. Ransom, heard a trap door to the church attic slam. Together with Ann Arbor police, they climbed up, swept their flashlights about the attic. There, crouched above them in the rafters, was Cheng. For close to four years, according to Cheng's story, the attic had been his home. The bumping noises had been Cheng skipping rope to keep in shape. By day he had slept on the stolen padding of a church pew. By night he had prowled the church grounds, filching food from the church kitchen. Physically Cheng seemed unaffected by his hermit's existence. But as Ann Arbor police hauled him off to the county jail, his four-year preoccupation with loss of face suddenly vanished. Said he: "I have been a coward. I'm glad I was found."

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Bright-eyed, plump as a partridge, little Alba Sprighi skipped along the railway tracks at the village of Bracciano just north of Rome. She had just attended a late afternoon church procession honoring San Salvatore, Bracciano's patron. With her was her newphew, Luigi, 10. In her purse she carried a switchblade knife. The knife, as 19-year-old Alba explained later to police, was for self-protection. She and other village girls had been bothered lately by the same kind of blue-jeaned, black-jacketed rowdies who recently have become a major social problem in the modern world. Five such youngsters, ranging in age from 14 to 17 were waiting for Alba now. At the turn of the tracks they stood. In the lead was Benedetto Argenti, 16. He moved forward. "Look out, I have a knife!" Alba screamed. Young Argenti only smiled. He reached for Alba while the gang looked on. "As he moved closer I managed to get my knife from my purse." Three hours later Argenti died. Was this killing justified? Already outraged by the case, all Italy was divided by a forthright statement made by a widely known Jesuit priest, the Rev. Virginio Rotondi. "The young girl," said Father Rotondi, "did

not need to kill, but could do it. She did not have the duty, but she had the right to kill to defend her purity (if there were no other way to avoid it)." Italy's anticlericals condemned Rotondi for "rationalizing a homicide act," citing the case of Maria Goretti whom the church raised to sainthood after an incident in 1902 in which--on her deathbed--she forgave a youth who first tried to assault, then slashed her. Father Rotondi's reply: "A woman in defense of her purity can defend herself by wounding and even killing. This is a point in Christian ethics," said he, that "unfortunately many people ignore."

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Ever since U.S. and Russian rocketeers set their sights on the moon, biologists have been worried that a direct hit would contaminate the pristine lunar surface with earth germs. These hitchhikers, it was argued, would spoil the moon for later human exploration, since it might be hard to distinguish emigrant microbes from whatever interesting native breeds abounded. The concern was so great that a special eight-nation group called the Committee on Contamination of Extraterrestrial Exploration (CETEX) was organized and prevailed upon spacemen to sterilize and fumigate their vehicles before launching. Now it turns out that CETEX may some day be called upon to defend earthmen from outer-space invaders. Speaking to the Society for Industrial Microbiology, Dr. R.G. Trexler of the University of Notre Dame warned that space travelers returning, for example, from Mars, might bring back with them microscopic hosts of Martian bacteria, viruses, or germs that "could be as destructive to life as we know it as an all-out nuclear war." Trexler's argument: Earthman's natural disease-fighting defenses are not prepared to cope with an influx of strange new enemies. As a chilling historical foreshadowing of the possible things to come, Trexler cited the discovery of the New World which was followed by "three centuries of sickness and death on bothe sides of the Atlantic."

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EXPLORER V. - Lucille Bridges of Fort Worth, Texas, won the title of "Fountainer of '59" after she mixed a concoction of vanilla ice cream, pecans, whipped cream, cherries, pretzels and a sugar cube soaked in lemon extract, set it afire, called it a "satellite sundae."

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ARMY WAY - In Tokyo, U.S. Army Sergeant Jack Lovett, having named his first six children Linda Fay, Larry Gay, Garry Ray, Glinda Kay, Brinda May and Winda Gay, ran out of ideas for his expected seventh, advertised in Stars and Stripes for a name to fit the rhyme.

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LEASH ON LIFE - After the Star of Kansas City, Mo., ran a front-page sob story about unclaimed dogs that are gassed at the municipal farm, someone clipped a large hole in the farm fence, freed 40 yelping dogs.

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SCREECHING HALT - Sneaking out of Johney's Hobby Shop in Charlotte, N.C.,a young man was caught pilfering a radio when the shop's pet parrot squawked: "Boy stealing ... boy stealing!"

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DISTRIBUTION POINTS - In Saint Simeon, Canada, which gets its water supply from a small mountain lake, housewives complained that brook trout were coming out of their faucets.

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FIRST SHOWING - House painter Edward L. Rice of Los Angeles, being sued for divorce, was ordered by Superior Court to stop driving around his neighborhood with a sign on his car: "My wife is the meanest woman on earth ..."

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BOLD FACE - Teodoro Lopez Herreta of Stockton, Calif., held up a bank, was asked by the cashier to sign his name for the money he took, dutifully obeyed, was soon tracked down and arrested.

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SANCTUARY - Arrested for causing a disturbance in a family squabble, Mark Wing of Edmonton, Alta., got a six-month suspended sentence after he pleaded: "Please, I want to spend my life in jail rather than return to my wife."

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BAD BLOOD - After his home was invaded by a swarm of bees and his family severely stung by bees while on a picnic, Alon Bee of Jackson, Miss., mused: "We'd change our name if we thought it would give us any relief."

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SIDE SHOW - In Istanbul, Turkey, beaten with a cane once too often by his gypsy master Arif Arat, a dancing bear named Karaoglan broke his chains, grabbed the cane, gave his master a sound drubbing, ambled off.

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FACING UP - Raymond C. Van Dam of Chicago sued his ex-in-laws for $1,000,000 for alienating his wife's affections, charged that his mother-in-law had advised her daughter not to have children because they might look like him.

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REFILL - In Wellington, New Zealand, an anonymous blood donor called on Dr. John Mercer to donate a pint, was pronounced anemic, left with a pint more blood than when he arrived.

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WINDFALL - After stirring up a row when he announced that police would use unmarked cars to catch speeders, State Police Commissioner Leo J. Mulcahy of Hartford, Conn., felt vindicated when someone slashed the tires of eleven well-marked patrol cars outside the police barracks.

JANNIE'S CORNER

Hi there! It's me again.

I am three years old now. I know because I opened some birthday packages. I got a ball, a tenpin, and some yummies. The Boss threw the yummies up like a ball, and I caught them. I do like yummies! I had some fresh liver, too, for my birthday.

I was two years old before. The Boss says I have added one year and that is good. The Boss says she will have to add one more year soon, too, and that is not good. Why?

One day we took a walk. The Boss told me "Forward," and we started to cross a big street. A car turned around and came right at us. I turned, too, and when the Boss said "Straight, Jannie," I didn't. I turned her way around back to the curb. Some people told the Boss about the car, and said "You have a remarkable dog."

"Remarkable" must be something nice. The Boss petted me and I was very happy. I couldn't go straight that time. It was a big car.

Goodbye!

Jannie Dinsmore

SPORTS SHOTS

After the White Sox celebrated their first pennant in 40 years, Chuck Comiskey, vice president of the Sox, declared the victory took ten years of planning, not a miracle. Part of the plan: 1- Don't try to beat the Yankees at their own game. 2- Remember that spacious Comiskey Park is a graveyard for sluggers... Cleveland's manager Joe Gordon quit before the end of the season when his terrible-tempered boss, Frank Lane, blamed him for the club's slide. After tapping pitching coach Mel Harder for the post, Lane cooled off, rehired Gordon by dangling a pay boost and a two-year contract in front of the old "Flash."...Fiery Leo Durocher quit his $65,000-a-year job with NBC-TV with the announced intention of returning to baseball...Philly pitcher Humberto Robinson, 29, who was obtained from Cleveland last May, informed authorities that gamblers had offered him $1,500 to throw a game against Cincinnati--which he won...Cookie Lavagetto will return as manager of the Senators in 1960, even though only a "miracle" can prevent his team from finishing last in the AL...Just before the season closed, Ted Williams played a full game--his first since the injury--suggesting that he was singing his swan song to baseball...Despite his club's cellar finish, manager Eddie Sawyer, 49, was rehired to manage the Phillies for another year...Husky Neale Fraser took apart Ohio's towering Barry MacKay at Forest Hills, by the score of 8-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4, to win the Davis Cup for Australia in the fifth and deciding match... In the National Amateur golf championship at Colorado Springs, Jack Nicklaus, 19, came from behind, sank an 8-foot birdie putt on the 36th hole, and stopped the defending champion, veteran Charlie Coe, 35, 1 up, in the final...Power-swinging Barbara McIntire, 24, of Lake Park, Fla., trounced Joanne Goodwin, 23, of Haverhill, Mass., four-and-three, to win the U.S. women's amateur golf championship at Washington, D.C...For the first time since 1920, the Harmsworth Cup, symbol of world supremacy in powerboat racing, left the U.S. as Canada's Miss Supertest III defeated America's Maverick.

MARGINALIA

Typhoon Vera, one of the most destructive storms to hit Japan in modern times, slashed through the islands leaving a toll of dead and missing that passed 3,500. The storm, heightened by devastating winds of up to 160 m.p.h., wrecked or washed away 41,700 houses over an area of four-fifths of Japan...Heinrich Luebke, whose name was unknown to most Germans three months ago, took the oath of office as West Germany's second president. Luebke was chosen for the post when Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Economics Minister Ludwig Erhard--the nation's leading political figures--decided they didn't want the job...Donald Douglas, of the Douglas Aircraft Co., said that "space ships are coming along so fast in design that my company may pass over the supersonic plane to build a passenger space ship. It would fly coast to coast in 20 minutes."...Crime king Little Augie Pisano and his companion, Janice Drake, 32, wife of comedian Alan Drake and one-time beauty queen, were shot to death by Mafia mobsters near New York's LaGuardia Airport...Sir Winston Churchill, 84, will run for re-election to the House of Commons in the October 8 British elections. He first entered Parliament in 1900...President Eisenhower signed into law a bill honoring Dr. James Alexander Mudd, the physician once imprisoned for giving medical aid to Lincoln's assassin. The measure provides for the erection of a memorial tablet to Dr. Mudd for his service to yellow fever victims at Fort Jefferson, Fla., during his prison term... Shortly before Khrushchev's plane reached New York, the statue of Liberty was blindfolded with a black veil by Hungarian patriot and underground hero Stephen Serenyi, 41, who said he could not bear to have our symbol of freedom and liberty "gaze upon this murderer, Khrushchev."...Communist China shook up its top military command, firing Defense Minister Marshal Peng Teh-Haui, 61, who master-minded the Chinese "volunteer" operation in the Korean war and having him replaced by Moscow-trained Marshal Lin Piano, 51, Red China's top military strategist...At least two

sity of Southern California dentistry student, choked to death on a large chunk of raw, oil-smeared liver during a fraternity hazing ritual. Ambulance attendants and firemen said they could have saved the youth's life if they had been told what had happened; instead, they were told Swanson had suffered a nervous spasm...The world's biggest collection of wealth--$60 billion in cash, securities, bonds and jewelry--was moved from the U.S. Trust Company's vaults in New York to its new Wall Street headquarters. The move required 80 trips by six armored cars, 45 Wells Fargo guards armed with submachine guns, 20 city patrolmen, four radio cars, and was completed in five hours...Italian Princess Francesca Rupoli, 34, was charged with bigamy by her ex-husband, Prince Giulio Rocco di Torrepadula, who once called her the "Lady Chatterley of Italy." He claimed that her Swiss divorce and "secret marriage" in London were illegal in Italy, where divorce is not permitted...Anna (Grandma) Moses, best known American "primitive" artist, celebrated her 99th birthday at her home in Eagle Bridge, N.Y...Television producer and actor Desi Arnaz, 43, husband of Lucille Ball, was arrested on a drunk charge. Apparently his excessive drinking was caused by his recent separation from his wife, who co-stars with him in the highly popular "I Love Lucy" TV show...A demand that prosecutions of Nazis and German soldiers for wartime crimes be stopped was sent to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer by Herbert Schneider, floor leader of the right-wing German party. He suggested that the new Federal German president, Heinrich Luebke, offer a general amnesty for crimes originating in war and National Socialism...Mexican heiress Sylvia Casablancas, 19, who disclosed last month that she had turned down an offer of marriage from the young Aga Khan, is planning to marry French tennis champion Jean Noel Grinda...Robert Kennedy, 33, former chief counsel of the Senate Rackets Committee, and his wife, Ethel, 31, announced the birth of their seventh child, Mary Kerry...The society editor of the Alabama Journal, Katherine Tyson, has an annoying parking problem. For the second time, someone placed her 730-pound foreign car on the sidewalk and took her parking place.

SPECIAL NOTICES

(The following merchandise is sold by deaf-blind persons. Orders should be sent direct to each accompanied by cash, check or money order; requests for information, by a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Postage on all items will be paid by the sender.)

Lewis Hertzberg, 2480 16 Street N.W., Washington 9, D.C., is offering, until November 15, two elegant lines of Christmas cards with your name printed on each card: with envelopes, 40 cards for $2; 25 for $2.50, limited to the U.S. Mr. Hertzberg also handles a variety of personalized paper items--stationery, napkins, book matches, and name-and-address labels, one thousand for one dollar.

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Braille Christmas cards are now ready and available from W.R. Logan, 43 Brown Street, Barberton, Ohio, at six cents each, 18 for one dollar. Attractive and appropriate birthday and everyday Braille cards in stock at the same price.

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Aslaug Vieland, 4672 S. State Street, Murray, Utah, makes exquisite, foam-rubber decorative items: centerpieces--a large rose with buds and leaves around it measuring 14 inches in diameter--$2; corsages--a rose-shaped flower ornately trimmed--75 cents, in red, light pink, dark pink or yellow.

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

On the evening of July 7th, in spite of a conflicting moonlight cruise scheduled for the same time, more than two hundred people attended the General Session of the A.A.W.B. Convention, a program centered around the theme, "Looking Forward in Work with and for Deaf-Blind People." Among the ten participants, each limited to five minutes, were three deaf-blind speakers--Tad Chapman, Jack Murphey, and Gerry Lawhorn. As chairman of the program, I used the style of radio's week-end Monitor--"Weare on the Deaf-Blind Monitor Beacon--going places and doing things--Take One--We take you first to ------- to meet -------," and each speaker was introduced in this way.

Although several of the speakers overshot their time limit a bit, the audience stayed "put" and was very responsive. Many remained afterwards to ask questions. They insisted on Jerry's giving one of her short skits and she got a real ovation after portraying a young girl at a baseball game--a girl who was completely ignorant of the game and misunderstood everything that went on.

The next afternoon, July 8th, the Foundation gave a dinner party for the deaf-blind group in the Detroit area at the club-room of the Detroit League for the Handicapped. The people who had participated in the program the evening before were also invited. Willie Stark had made arrangements for transportation and for volunteers to help with the party. Unfortunately, through some mix-up in directions, several deaf-blind people were unable to get there. However, the party as a whole was a huge success. We rounded up friends from various parts of the country--California, Missouri, New York, and Michigan--to help make things go smoothly and to see that everybody met everybody. In spite of the few bottlenecks, everything went well, and everyone had a good time and enjoyed a good dinner.

By the time this copy reaches you, Jannie and I will have spent one week in Vermont and will be well on our way to the Jersey shore. I hope that this year Jannie can learn not to swallow half the Atlantic Ocean. Would you believe that a dog who is extremely fussy about food, would chew up starfish mixed with sea water? Salt water makes her sick and I have tried to tell her that she spoils things for herself. Starfish don't agree with her either.

I hope that this summer is bringing you rest, relaxation, and some good times.

Annette Dinsmore

ENTERTAINMENT IS MY BUSINESS

by Geraldine Lawhorn

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our Chairman is kind to call me an entertainer. Most of my friends prefer to call me a ham--I don't mind that as long as it brings in the pork.

This is how it started. I was a Braille student in high school when I lost my hearing. To keep my voice from deteriorating, the good teacher encouraged me to memorize poems and stories and to recite them to the English classes. I loved those assignments--so much, in fact, that after graduation I decided to use my scholarships for courses in writing, speech therapy and dramatic acting. And let me say here that I sincerely appreciate the Vocational Rehabilitation Service and several agencies for the blind which made my studies and progress possible.

In dramatic acting one's natural expression is always emphasized. Nevertheless, I study a great deal of miming in order to determine the difference between natural gestures and undesirable mannerisms. Facial expressions and gestures are taught me, through touch, even to my getting down on the floor to watch the action of the teacher's feet.

One plague of most deafened people is the dread of becoming a monotone. Therefore, to aid modulation in my voice, my instructors give me character studies with voices that differ widely. Take, for example, these three types. The first character is speaking to her bald boy friend. She says: "Darling, let's go inside this little shop until it stops raining. If we stay out here in the rain, both of us'll get soaked--but in this little jewelry shop, only one of us is going to get soaked...Why, no, darling, I'm not after your money; I'd love you just as much even if you were twice as rich as you are."

And there's Granny. She says: "Let me tell ye. When I was young, it was

healthy to go out fer a walk. But nowadays, with this here polution and air-conditionin', a body has ter go into the house ter git a breath of fresh air... Why look there! There's Dolly. Dolly, where you been?"...

Dolly--"Oh, I been shopping. Got myself a little cotton dress. That clerk in the store said cottons are so popular this year that you can wear 'em around the clock. Isn't that silly? What would anybody want to wrap cotton around the clock for?"

You may be sure this work of entertaining keeps me busy. Not only writing, rehearsing and performing the programs, but also obtaining them. Sometimes, one program happily leads to another. Still, I must give many auditions for the churches and clubs that sponsor my recitals or hire me for their fund-raising campaigns. And I spend Saturdays, all day, at my typewriter, writing letters to prospective sponsors. My mother is manager, guide, reader--in other words, she does the looking and listening.

It took a little girl to establish in my mind the true value of my work as an entertainer. As in most businesses, there are moments of anxiety, and I often wondered: "Did the audience really enjoy the performance itself, or were they merely curious about the deaf-blind factor?" Children are honest, and this little girl helped to answer that question. After one of my shows she said to my mother, "At first, I didn't want to come to this recital, I was afraid it would make me sad. But now I'm glad I came. It was lots of fun."

If I can make my programs "lots of fun" for both children and adults, then perhaps I have helped to brighten the attitude of the public toward the handicapped. Every time I am accepted by an audience, I pray that I have opened a door for the acceptance of other deaf-blind people, in their homes, their social lives, or in their chosen careers.

NOT A SOUND FROM MY CHICKENS

by Winthrop C. Chapman

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to be here at this meeting to speak about my chickens.

In 1947 my father and I started a rabbit husbandry, but we found it was not practical financially and that there was too much work for us. So,a few years later, we changed over to poultry farming, which proved cleaner and more profitable.

We now have a thousand chickens, and it is my job to feed them twice a day and pick up the eggs three times a day. This gives me a lot of exercise, walking up and down the aisles. In addition, I help with the yard work trimming the lawns, etc.

It is also my job to handle the money and pay all the bills. I keep records in Braille and at the end of the year I make a complete report of all our poultry business.

Besides my work tending poultry, I keep busy with a number of other interests--such as weaving, correspondence, transcribing, and games. I also do a great deal of reading and studying about different countries.

I wish more deaf-blind people could have the opportunity and experience that I have had in poultry farming--an occupation which affords pleasure and good exercise. My chickens never argue or contradict me. At least, if they do I never hear them.

In closing, I want to thank you for inviting me to come to this convention to speak to you.

MY SHOP IS MY OWN

by Jack Murphey

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The automobile industry has had a lot of trouble over the years and it would grieve me if what I have to say this evening should cause still more by sparking a mass movement back to handicraft and the simple division of labor. Maybe my remarks won't be that provocative, but it isn't clear just what will start a new fad (and we have the hula hoop to prove that it doesn't take much), so I'm worried. My mind is easy and my conscience is clear on one point, though; if this venture into the field of public education does precipitate a crisis, the blame rests squarely upon those friends and relatives of mine who have persistently banned any further mention of my one-man shop--regardless of its enduring conversational value. It was a cut-and-dried case of go to Detroit or keep quiet. So here I am and I hope it won't be necessary to hurry away because of similar persecution by you.

Now about that shop of mine. We keep it down in the basement where, besides the furnace, other household appliances, two bicycles, one lawn mower, my work benches and a clutter of cane, rush and porch furniture, it is quite possible to find almost anything else--except the object of one's search. Such chaos in a business establishment could, presumably, serve as damning evidence that its proprietor had lost considerably more than his sight and hearing, so please keep the matter confidential for in all other respects the shop is an unqualified blessing. It is one of my few cherished possessions which the kids have never managed to leave out in the alley or in a neighbor's back yard, and it is the only place in the house where my efforts to be useful have not occasionally resulted in pandemonium or worse. Take the time Mother served dinner to a hobo and then trotted off to answer the phone without telling me of his presence.

Had I gone down to the shop and resumed honest labor, Mother could have finished her conversation, Dad could have scanned the newspapers for proof that the Republicans were getting worse and the hobo could have eaten in peace. But instead of answering the call of duty, I chose that moment to remove our dinner dishes from the table and promptly confiscated the poor man's food. It is still refreshing to think of our guest's momentary frustrations! It was said that his efforts to reason with me could have been heard for a mile.

That boner, the work of a mere novice by comparison with later, more spectacular achievements, occurred shortly after I had become too deaf for oral communication. Nevertheless, that highly successful, though unintentional, disturbance of the peace shows that my shop has much to recommend it--it has social as well as economic implications.

I began to lose my hearing and to cane chairs commercially at the age of twelve years. Thereafter both projects gradually prospered (in their separate ways) so that I had very little hearing and quite a lot of work when my school days ended in 1927. Since then (except for a period during the war when material was unobtainable), the shop has always been supplied with an ever-changing variety of work. Some jobs can be breezed through in an hour and some make it doubtful that Job still holds the record for patience. Some can be done without thinking, while others demand intense concentration. Many pieces must be worked on with chisels or an electric drill, and many others must be strengthened with glue, braces, new wrungs or a few well-placed screws. Best of all, just when you think you know your business, someone is sure to walk in with a job that wrecks your complacency and turns out to be more challenging than any of its predecessors.

There is nothing new or outstanding about my little furniture repair business at home, yet I welcomed the chance to call it to your attention because the field is wide-open to competent deaf-blind people in every metropolitan area.

Of course, relatively few would find this work satisfying or profitable; I know of only two who have shops similar to mine, but it is clear that there should be more. This situation would be remedied, I think, if something could be done to stimulate the personal interest and the initiative of those who are favorably located for such a business. Consequently, it seems to me that among the American Foundation's generous and valuable services to our handicapped group, this annual program for the AAWB can be effective in conveying encouragement and constructive suggestions to employable deaf-blind adults throughout the country. The need for such individual help becomes apparent when one realizes that, next to the all-important factor of communication, remunerative work alone has the magical power to transform abject dependence into dignified interdependence and miserable isolation into a kind of happy purposeful seclusion.

TRIVIA

SPOT CASH - When she developed a rash on her left hand, bank teller Laverne Parks of Duncan, Okla., learned from her doctor that she is allergic to money.

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SOUTHERN EXPOSURE - In Tallahassee, Fla., the state legislature received a bill prohibiting misuse of the Confederate flag after tennis player Laura Lou Kunnen showed up on the courts with the flag on the seat of her shorts.

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CAREER MAN - The China Post of Taipei, Formosa, reported speculation as to why Dr. Shen Chang-huan had been appointed Ambassador to Spain: "Because the last two words of his name sound like Don Juan; because he knows how to dance the tango; because he was born in the year of the Bull."

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FIRELESS COOKER - Arrested on suspicion of shoplifting a dressed chicken, Gene Woods of Pacoima, Calif., explained that he put the bird under his shirt to keep it warm.

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AFTER DUE LIBATION - In Williamson, W. Va., after returning a guilty verdict in a first-degree murder trial, eight members of the jury of Mingo County Circuit Court were found guilty of contempt and fined $25 each for drinking beer and whisky while deliberating in a hotel room.

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HEIRLOOM - Eugene Crumpton of Fulton, N.Y., was jailed for 50 days after giving his girl an engagement ring he had stolen from her grandmother.

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LIDS ON - In London, 150 garbage collectors went on strike because city officials refused to let them sell items plucked from garbage cans.

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ACROSS THE BOARD - Police arrested James Earl Marshall of Memphis, Tenn., for practicing medicine without a license after he had advertised that he could heal the "lame, sick and blind, and show you how to get easy money, a good car, a home and many other things you need."

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HOMEWORK - In Reno, four instructors of a Stead A.F.B. survival training course called "sneaking and peeking" were caught sneaking and peeking late at night at a University of Nevada woman's dormitory.

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AND DARK OF NIGHT - After learning that one U.S. mailman had been bitten by ten dogs in the course of his career, Postmaster Agelico Loureiso of Rio de Janeiro boasted: "Our rural carriers have often been bitten and even eaten by jaguars."

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SUCCESS STORY - The Miami Herald ran a classified ad: "Gold mine, get rich quick and retire early. 100% profit, very lucrative business. Reason for selling: business bankrupt."

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TORCH CARRIER - Farmer's daughter Agnes Schwimmbeck of Eiseldorf, Germany, questioned about setting fire to her father's barn and farmhouse, confessed that she loved a member of the local volunteer fire brigade, wanted to lure him to the farm.

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DOUBLE TAKE - In Grand Rapids, Robert Schepperly, after chatting with newly made bar friends, noticed that someone had picked his pocket of $50, went out to look for the thief with his friends, who knocked him down and took the rest of his money.

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HANDICAP - Chicago police could not find the culprit when Boston Linwood complained that his car had been damaged by a hit-and-run horse.

JANNIE'S CORNER

Hi there! It's me again

I have a long tail. It follows me everywhere I go. When I take the Boss down the stairs, my tail flops on the steps. When somebody steps on it, I hurt. Betty Riley says I have to learn about my tail and take care of it. I'm not sure I know what she means.

When the Boss combs and brushes me, it feels good. But I don't like her to brush my tail.

One day when we got into a cab, the door shut on the end of my tail. I howled and howled for a long time. The Boss was very sorry. She rubbed and rubbed it and still it hurt. She said she would take me to Dr. Kinney. But pretty soon it stopped hurting and I stopped howling. It was all right.

Now I get into a cab and go way across and turn around before I sit down. That is the best way, I think.

One time when we got on a bus, the Boss made me back up under the driver's seat. She said my tail wouldn't get stepped on there. When we got up to get off, everybody laughed. My tail was all right, but my harness stuck under the driver's seat. I'm glad it wasn't my tail.

The Boss says my tail is a problem.

Goodbye!

Jannie Dinsmore

MIRACLE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Standing on the platform beside President Robert E. Burns of the College of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif., deaf-blind coed Jackie Coker, 31, of Napa, Calif., "listened"--by placing her fingers on his lips--while he gave the audience of more than 4,000 attending that college's Class of '59 commencement exercises a sketch of her life, beginning at the age of six when she suffered total loss of her vision and hearing.

Dr. Burns said: "Jackie's long journey through silence and darkness is an amazing odyssey beginning with the decision of a bewildered little girl to do her best because she could feel the caresses of her mother's hand and believed her mother would want her to try. In the final sum, this is a love story--a story of human understanding and devotion that is born only of love, the kind of love in which all things--even this seeming miracle of achievement--are possible.

"The College of the Pacific," he concluded, "is proud to have had a part in such a story, and as Jackie goes on in further study, and into the career of service to others that she is planning, we will often revive the inspiration of this girl for whom 'the dark is light enough.'"

Dr. Burns also read congratulatory telegrams to Jackie from President Eisenhower, Helen Keller and M. Robert Barnett, Executive Director of the American Foundation for the Blind.

Thus comely, confident Miss Coker, graduating with high honors, has become the fourth deaf-blind person ever to receive a college degree, following Helen Keller, Robert Smithdas and Richard Kinney. Miss Coker plans to complete three semesters of graduate study at the University of California and then become a home teaching counselor for the adult blind and deaf, working under civil service for the California Department of Education.

MARGINALIA

American, Russian and British scientists proposed a system of giant satellites in outer space to check on any violations of a projected nuclear test ban. Approval of their proposal by the three governments and its incorporation into a treaty banning A-tests seemed almost certain...Robert E. Kennedy, 33, chief counsel of the Senate rackets committee, will resign after Congress adjourns and devote himself to the Presidential candidacy of his brother, Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.)...Nacht-Depesche, a West Berlin newspaper, revived the rumor of last March that Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, 66, is suffering from a brain tumor and is being treated by Czechoslovakian and French doctors. The U.S. Embassy in Moscow, the paper added, is sending a stream of reports to Washington about Khrushchev's health. Secretary of Defense McElroy's No. 1 military adviser, retired ($1,072.18 monthly) Adm. Arthur Radford, admitted before a House Armed Services investigating subcommittee probing influence peddling that he was receiving $12,000 a year from the Philco Corp., one of the 100 defense contractors...In his latest book, Uneasy Heads, Geoffrey Bocca urged the U.S. to enthrone President Eisenhower as King Dwight I. The renowned British writer on royalty contends that Americans secretly long for royalty of their own... Cuban Premier Fidel Castro is a Communist and his revolutionary government is riddled with Reds, a Senate subcommittee was told by Maj. Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz. But before the former commander of the Cuban Air Force could complete his testimony, Sen. James Eastland abruptly suspended the hearings when he was informed that an attempt would be made on the witness' life...Experiments over the last five years to induce lung cancer in mice and rats by exposure to strong concentrations of cigaret smoke have provided "a striking negative result," stated a report of the British Empire cancer campaign for 1958...Akiko Kojima, 22, of Tokyo, a 5-foot-6-inch, 37-23-38 Japanese fashion model, was chosen Miss

Universe--the first Oriental to win the coveted title...After hanging for more than 100 years in the famed Vatican museum, "The Mystic Marriage of St. Catherine," a supposed 17th-century Spanish masterpiece, was taken down as a counterfeit. During restoration work, artists discovered underneath another painting, a landscape done in the 18th century...William Z. Foster, 78, ex-head of the Communist Party in the U.S., lost a plea in Federal Court for permission to go to the Soviet Union for medical treatment for an ailment affecting his heart and circulation...A Rome court of appeals ruled that actress Ingrid Bergman and Roberto Rossellini are still man and wife although she has since married Swedish impresario Lars Schmidt. The ruling, reversing a lower court decision annulling the marriage, adds further complications to a legal battle for custody of three children...Moscow radio reported that Soviet scientists had discovered a 2,000-year-old "great wall of central Asia" similar to the Great Wall of China...Six residents of Loch Ness, Scotland, claimed to have spotted Loch Ness--the fabled sea monster--cavorting about the lake. They declared the elusive thing has several humps and a long, thin brown-colored tail in the middle, and he is about the length of three fishing boats...Robert C. Cook, a population expert writing in the Population Bulletin, said the latest Soviet census indicated that Russia lost 15 to 20 million men during World War II, more than double the toll previously assumed...Enrique Cardinal Pla y Deniel told Catholics it is a mortal sin for engaged couples to walk arm-in-arm in the streets or to be alone together, and that mixed bathing at beaches, pools and rivers constitutes a state "very close to sin and scandal" and must be avoided...District Judge J. Robert Liles of Conroe, Tex., was indicted on a shoplifting charge for stealing a tube of shaving cream in Quonset, R.I., where he is undergoing training as a commander in the Naval Reserve...Police reported breaking up a love lottery run by a pretty 22-year-old cashier in Trieste, Italy. They said her game of chance paralleled a nationally recognized lottery and offered the winner a night of love as its prize...

In its latest anti-religious outburst, Moscow radio broadcast an open letter to a prominent Russian Orthodox Church official accusing him of maintaining a harem and of misappropriating funds...Seventeen airmen, ranging in ages from 19 to 22, stationed at the Suffolk County Air Force Base, Long Island, N.Y., were charged with violating a local 13-year-old orphan who was born in a Nazi concentration camp...Actress Joyce Mathews, 39, former wife of comedian Milton Berle, received a Mexican divorce from showman Billy Rose, 59, on the ground of "incompatibility of character."...The Army announced it has an experimental plastic glue designed to repair broken bones and get a patient on his feet in two days. Natural bone eventually replaces the plastic...Carl Sandburg was cheerfully admitted to the Soviet Union for a two-week lecture tour as Russian officials smiled and disregarded the lack of travel papers, which the 80-year-old poet lost. He was invited to Russia by the Union of Friendship Societies to lecture on American Literature...Jane Shusko, 15 and the oldest of ten children, of Elmira, N.Y., admitted setting fire to the family home, fatally trapping her brother and six sisters...For the first time in recorded history, it snowed in Earnh Lahej, lasting about 45 minutes. Lahej is about 15 miles north of Aden, on the tip of the usually oven-hot Arabian Peninsula...A burglar gang spearheaded by a child or midget made off with 20,000 pounds ($56,000) in a weekend raid on a London bank. Police said the bank door was opened for the robbers by a tiny member of the gang who was pushed between the bars protecting a window...A Swiss engineer has designed a marine "flying saucer" that would weigh 40,000 tons, carry 1,000 passengers and travel up to 100 knots eight feet above sea level...Travel by Hungarian diplomats will be restricted to a radius of 25 miles from New York and Washington, the State Department announced. The move was in retaliation of Hungary's action restricting American diplomats to the Budapest area...The barring from the mails of D.H. Lawrence's novel Lady Chatterley's Lover, regarded as a "shocker" when it was first

published in 1928, was held in Federal Court to be "illegal and void." In lifting the ban imposed by Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield, Judge Frederick Bryan said, "To exclude this book from the mails on the grounds of obscenity would fashion a rule which could be applied to a substantial portion of the classics of our literature."...Dorothy Thompson, 65, columnist, author and lecturer, suffered a serious heart attack while at her summer home in Barnard, Vermont...At a London auction, John Fleming of New York paid $39,200 for Myrrour of the Worlde by Vincent de Beauvais, printed in 1481 by William Caxton and believed to be the first illustrated book printed in England...Franco, Carlos, Maria Cristina, Maria Fernanda and Marie Esther Diligenti--the world's only known surviving quints--celebrated their 16 birthday at their suburban home in Buenos Aires on July 15...A children's book, The First Book of Fishing, by Edwin Herron, containing illustrations showing white and Negro children fishing and picnicking togerther, was banned in parts of Louisiana because, as chief librarian Inez Boone of Shreveport explained, "Its illustrations present as typical that which is not typical for the area."...Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko received the Order of Lenin--the highest honor of the Soviet Union--"for highly meritorious services to the Soviet state and in connection with his 50 birthday."...Earl Mountbatten, 58, Britain's No. 1 sailor and uncle of Prince Philip, became the new supreme commander of British military forces...Addressing the Ninth International Congress of Pediatricians, Dr. Albert B. Sabin of the University of Cincinnati said that his new live polio virus vaccine, tested on 6,000,000 Russians, would be available in North America in November. The Sabin vaccine, which is taken in pill form, is said to be "more effective and vastly cheaper" than the Salk vaccine...Robert Krosschell, 10, of Dallas, Tex., placed a pigeon egg on top of his television set and eight days later found the egg had hatched...Automobile dealer Dan Volture of Hartshorne, Okla., says he has a stray hen which clucks until he lets it inside his air-conditioned office, then marches to a waste basket and lays an egg.

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

In these days of modern equipment and special gadgets for housekeeping, one of the articles that gives me great personal satisfaction is the waxed-paper container for milk. It is much simpler to throw away the container than to wash a glass bottle and return it to the milkman.

Years ago, when I was keeping house for my father in a third floor apartment, the nightly chore of taking down the milk bottles created in me a resistance that developed mammoth proportions. The landlady would not allow me to put bottles on the stoop before 10:30 P.M., nor would she permit me to put out more than two at any one time. All during the evening the thought of the two flights of stairs made me increasingly weary, and I found myself skipping several nights in succession. The bottles soon began to multiply beyond all control, and I put them out of my mind by hiding them on the floor of a closet.

One day my father happened to look in that closet, and when he saw the array of bottles, "he hit the ceiling."

I gathered them up in a suitcase and lugged it a few blocks to the dairy office. From that day on, milk bottles were the bane of my existence. I could not bring myself to take them down at night but continued to make periodic trips with the suitcase.

Some years later, I had a first floor apartment of my own and only had to put the milk bottle outside the apartment door, which involved at most carrying it across the living room. Nevertheless, it was still difficult for me to put out the bottles, and they accumulated in my little kitchen. It was a real psychological block. Now the paper container has solved the problem completely.

Sometimes I feel that there is a psychological block when it comes time to write a message for TAG. But this lasts only until an idea dawns. The writing itself is always fun!

Some of you may have noticed that we are folding braille letters now without making a line of dots for the crease. The thing to keep in mind is to fold the paper before you write the braille, and the dots will remain legible. If you fold the paper after it has been brailled, some of the words cannot be made out.

Have a good summer with as many cool days as possible. Let's hope the weather man behaves himself.

Annette Dinsmore

NEWS DIGEST

Assembled in the capital for a "Life with Father" luncheon at the Women's National Press Club and a visit to the White House, nine of the 20 living children of U.S. Presidents (plus other descendants of chief executives stretching back to John Adams) dropped some lighthearted footnotes to history. Among the Presidents subjected to filial gossip:

William Howard Taft. Daughter Helen Taft Manning, 67, told her favorite yarn about her portly (300 lbs.) father and his much-lampooned girth. When Taft was Civil Governor of the Philippines and recuperating from an illness, he reassured Secretary of War Elihu Root of his recovery by cabling Root that he had just ridden 50 miles on horseback. Crackled back Root: "How is the horse?"

Woodrow Wilson. Daughter Eleanor Wilson McAdoo, 69, recalled Wilson's triumphant return to his birthplace of Staunton, Va., shortly after his first election in 1912. Visiting with his ancient Aunt Janie, a "grim old Presbyterian" almost stone deaf, Wilson twice bellowed into her ear trumpet: "I've just been elected President." Digging him at last, Aunt Janie inquired: "Of what?" "Of the U.S.," shouted Wilson. "Don't be silly!" snapped Aunt Janie, indignantly dismissing him from her presence.

Calvin Coolidge. Son John, 52, Connecticut business-forms manufacturer, still remembered the upshot of his mother's purchase of a costly home-remedies book from a door-to-door fast talker. After leaving it on a table to leaf through later, she found penned on the flyleaf in Cal's handwriting: "Don't find anywhere in here a suggested cure for suckers."

Franklin D. Roosevelt. Son James, 51, California Democratic Congressman, reminisced about a sweltering summer weekend when F.D.R. was entertaining Britain's late King George VI and now Queen Mother Elizabeth at Hyde Park. At Roosevelt's suggestion, the King and the President climbed into bathing attire,

drove off toward a nearby swimming pool along a road lined with U.S. and British Army guards. Spotting a clutch of photographers with cameras at the ready, the King abruptly shouted: "Stop the car!" "Why?" asked F.D.R. "I don't think," grinned His Majesty, explaining that he wanted no photographs, "my people back in England would understand my reviewing the troops in my bathing suit."

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The punishment of whipping shall be inflicted publicly by strokes on the bare back, well laid on. He shall not be whipped with more than 60 lashes -- Title 11, laws of Delaware, 1959.

Before Delaware was Delaware, it had a law authorizing the whipping post. That was back in 1717, when the three counties that make up the present state of Delaware (Kent, Sussex, and New Castle) were part of colonial Pennsylvania, with the authority to make their own laws. And public flogging even antedates the law, in Delaware. An official whipping was recorded as early as June 3, 1679, "at a court held at the town of New Castle, Robberd Hutchinson, the Defendant... stood indicted by the high sheriff for having feloniously broken open a chest belonging to Adam Wallis and stolen from it goods to the value of 3 pounds sterling..." Robberd Hutchinson got 39 lashes for his misdeed in 1679.

If Hutchinson came back to life tomorrow--under the terms of a bill passed by both houses of the Delaware Legislature last month--he would get a mandatory public flogging of anywhere from twenty to 40 lashes, plus a fine of not less than $500 and a prison term of three to 25 years.

Delaware has alway permitted flogging (though every other state in the union outlawed it many years ago, as did the British Navy) for 24 crimes, ranging from poisoning with intent to murder (60 lashes) to wife beating (five to ten). However, no Delaware judge has ordered a lashing since 1952. What the legislature did was remove the word "may" from the law describing the punishment for robbery. It thus made flogging mandatory. The reason for the change: A sharp increase in the number of burglaries in southern Delaware. In the face of a storm of protest both within and without the state, Rep. Chester Gove, Jr., defended the legislature's action. "If whipping is primitive," Gove said, "so

is holding someone up." Ironically, the legislature recently abolished capital punishment, making Delaware one of eight states that does not have the death penalty.

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In Lisbon last month, the Minister of the Interior belatedly announced that two months ago the government had nipped in the bud a plot to take over the country. The plot bore the preposterous name of "Operation Cocktail," and the people behind it, said the minister, included all classes and were all "most confused." Among those arrested: a priest, nine army officers, 22 civilians. Behind this threat to the 27-year dictatorship of Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, police also saw the features of flamboyant General Humberto Delgado, who in last year's election got a surprising 23% of the votes, even with Salazar's men counting the ballots.

From Rio de Janeiro, where he is living in modest circumstances but lionized by Brazilian intellectuals, Delgado told American correspondents: "It was a small affair, but it frightened the Salazar government to death. I suppose they intended to take over some key points, call on me to abolish the dictatorship. Salazar's Gestapo caught on to plans because too many people were involved--40 or 50. You Americans don't understand the situation in Portugal. It's a police state under very tight control. After decades of Salazar, the Portuguese people are suffocating. The progress he proclaims is pure myth."

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With three wives, 26 concubines, eight women slaves, and a small army of scimitar-toting bodyguards, the world's most absolute monarch set off from his mountain kingdom at the mouth of the Red Sea to take the cure in Rome. Officially, the black-bearded, 64-year-old Imam of Yemen was suffering from rheumatism. Unofficial reports said he'd been taking drugs, and that one of his concubines had given him an overdose. Last month, while Imam Ahmad lay in a Roman clinic (to ease his ennui, one wife and four concubines were taken to his sickbed

daily), the Italian press began trying for a peek at his harem, closely guarded in the nearby Villa Fiorio. One photographer climbed a tree outside the villa, only to be spotted by the Imam's Captain of Guards, who charged out with his scimitar and slashed the photographer's hand. Faced with a charge of attempted murder, the captain, Ali Khalhi, stiffly told police: "No human eye can look upon the women of Ahmad without dying." Another reporter claimed he had slipped into the harem and won a smile from an unveiled concubine, "Sacrilege," said the Imam, and ordered his women to a high-walled seaside retreat, 20 miles from Rome. In their new hide-out, the women just sit and watch TV.

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Shortly before Marlon Brando started ripping the heroine's clothes in "A Streetcar Named Desire," he growled that "in the State of Louisiana we have the Napoleonic Code, according to which what belongs to the wife belongs to the husband." And so the code has decreed for all France since 1804. Monsieur enjoyed the legal status of "lord and master" not only over Madame's person but over her dowry, her property, and until 50 years ago, over anything she earned by going out to work. Last month, fifteen years after he led the liberation of France, President Charles de Gaulle liberated the French housewife. As part of the reforms that are gradually overhauling everything from the Paris Opera to the Bordeaux wine subsidy, his Cabinet agreed to modernize the Napoleonic Code. If passed by the National Assembly, the changes would (1) require Monsieur to get Madame's consent for any sale of joint property, (2) abolish the last vestiges of the dowry system, and (3) allow wives to keep any property owned before marriage.

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It was a sunny afternoon in San Francisco. Shirley O'Neil and Albert Kogler, 18-year-old freshmen at San Francisco State College, went for a swim off Baker's Beach, near the Golden Gate Bridge. They were treading water about 50 yards offshore when Al Kogler cried out. "I turned around," Shirley said later, "and I saw this big grey thing flap up into the air. I don't know if it was a fin or a tail. I knew it was some kind of fish. There was thrashing in

the water. He screamed again. He said, 'It's a shark! Get out of here!'"

Looking down on the ocean from the Presidio, San Francisco's history-encrusted Army post, Master Sergeant Leo F. Day saw what happened next. "I could see the boy in the foaming red water, shouting and signaling someone to 'go back, go back.' Then I saw the girl, swimming toward him, completely ignoring his warning. It was the greatest exhibition of courage I have ever seen." Shirley reached Albert and seized his hand, "but when I pulled, I could see that his arm was just hanging by a thread." She slipped her arm around him and began to swim for the beach. When she was near enough, a fisherman threw her a line. Two hours later, in the Presidio's Letterman General Hospital, Albert died. For her extraordinary heroism, San Francisco Mayor George Christopher recommended her for the Carnegie Medal.

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It was an absolutely beastly week in Britain: A mouse and a python were taken to a Portsmouth court. "In no other country in the world would a mouse invoke the protection of the law," boasted the R.S.P.C.A. lawyer as he presented the tiny plaintiff's suit. Mrs. Phillip Cooper, 45, had placed said plaintiff in her pet-store window with a 5-foot python. Accused of "cruelly terrifying" the mouse (named Mickey), Mrs. Cooper hotly retorted that the python (Percival) had a "natural affection" for the mouse. When the plaintiff fearlessly emerged from his basket and nibbled the witness box, the case was dismissed.

A sow named Grover was buried in the Brighton cemetery with a $200 tombstone from Texas. Last New Year's Eve, it broke into a wine shed and gulped down 7 gallons, then fell into a well and drowned. Citizens of San Antonio, Texas, impressed by Grover's capacity, subscribed the money. Last month, while a jazz band played "Show Me the Way to Go Home," 200 Brighton students arected the tomb.

A common house sparrow acted as an accomplice in a bank robbery. It happened when a hoodlum snatched $5,600 from a London bank and left cashier Michael Brace trussed up like a fowl. Brace gnawed his way through his gag, inched

snail-like to the bank counter, and pressed his tongue against the alarm bell. Alas, there was only a dull clicking. It was several minutes before Brace's signals dislodged the nest that a sparrow had built inside the bell--and by that time, the robber had escaped.

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Lest anyone think that freezer and vicuna-coat scandals are exclusively American phenomenon, it just isn't so. Corruption in Bonn, announced a West German judge last month, "is rising like gas from a sewer."

The first big bubble burst around Herr Hans Kilb, onetime personal assistant to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. Kilb was accused of accepting expensive cars from a German automobile manufacturer in return for governmental favors. Then came Herr Hans Strack, a minor civil servant who claimed that high Foreign Ministry officials let him take the rap for a false bribe charge, then tried to quiet him with an offer of an ambassadorship. The Strack case resulted in a public reprimand for the President of the European common market, and a $714 fine and suspended sentence for the German Ambassador to France. Last month, another scandal exploded in the once primly reputable German civil service. Up for trial was Hubert Vergossen, the 48-year-old chief of the city occupation claims office in Bonn, with seven of his subordinates. The charge: That they connived with friends,who had damage claims against allied forces in Germany, to inflate these claims and split the excess. Vergossen and his aides, the prosecutor alleged, had accepted truckloads of furniture, Persian rugs, cameras, washing machines, and television sets to approve the phony claims. In all, the prosecution charged, Vergossen enriched his friends by $571,000. His own share--$36,000.

Besiged by parliamentary questions, Interior Minister Gerhard Schroeder officially admitted that no less than 162 federal employes have been convicted of corruption of one kind or another in the last four years. How many more state and local Genossen have been involved in scandals and corruption Schroeder would not reveal, but Germans in good position to know say the figure runs into thousands.

TRIVIA

MANCHUDINI - In Taipei, Formosa, when police came to investigate reports of the fraudulent activities of Yang Yung-wei, Yang politely asked them to be seated, and--when they were comfortably settled--stepped quickly out of the room locking the door behind him.

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STICKY FIN - Ice fisherman Oscar Boivin of Kenora, Ont., had no luck with minnows, stuck a marshmallow on his hook and pulled in a 14-lb. lake trout.

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QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE - After being elected town constable, Joe Payer of Komensky, Wis., had to put off assuming the duties of his new office until he served a stretch in the state pen for breaking and entering into a filling-station.

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BAR ASSOCIATION - When Charles Crouch of Dallas was on trial for drunken driving, Prosecutor Paul W. Leech tried to trap him by asking, "Did you see me at the party?", and Crouch answered: "I saw one drunk. Was that you?"

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MANIFRESCO - In Czetochowa, Poland, according to Tygodnik Demokratyczny, police arrested two hustlers who had bought up all the portraits of Karl Marx they could find, painted halos over Marx's head, and were doing a brisk business selling them in front of a Czestochowa monastery as portraits of St. Joseph.

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GRAVE RESULTS - Anxious to save time, Motorist Tom Kimbrough of Memphis, Tenn., switched on his lights, joined a funeral procession, rolled steadily through red lights, eventually tried to turn into a side street, heard the voice of the law behind him ("Hey, buddy. Back in the line. You joined the procession. Now you stay in it"), ended up in the cemetery, where the cop made him stay for the services.

ANYTHING BUT THE TRUTH - As she was about to be sworn in as a police-court witness, Evelyn Anderson of North Vancouver, B.C., said that she had an allergy, refused to kiss the Bible.

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SHOCKING - In Manchester, England, the Guardian reported on a new book--just published in Russia--in which Soviet Writer Kornei Chukovski discusses the vocabulary and thought patterns of two-to five-year-old Russian children, gave as one example of Chukovski's findings a little boy who said: "Mummy, I'm as tired as a 120-volt bulb plugged into a 220-volt current."

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WITHOUT A HITCH - The Rev. Charles Mundell of Los Angeles was about to perform a marriage ceremony when the bridegroom stuck him up for $52, disappeared with fiancee in tow.

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THE LOST CORD - Burgermeister Rudolf Schadl of Bonisdorf, Austria, inspected 4 cubic meters of firewood cut on village land, returned the next day to find the woodpile still neatly stacked--but 32 feet away, in Yugoslavia.

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LOBE TROTTER - In Wilmington, Del., a letter turned up at the post office bearing a glueless stamp held in place by an earring.

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CURAIDER - A series of burglaries in Iola, Wis., ended with the arrest of Dr. Ralph Wiley, 42, village physician, who explained that he had been collecting patients' antiques in order to start a Waupaca County museum.

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BELL'S KITCHEN - Police in Carolina Beach, N.C., ordered a vacationer to remove his stored food and cooking equipment and stop cooking his meals in a phone booth.

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JANNIE'S CORNER

Hi there! It's me again.

My yard is down the steps. I run up and down the steps fast. I run around the yard too.

I like to stand at the top of the steps and look at the people in all the other yards. And I look at the things in my yard too. Then I hurry down to smell everything.

The people in the next yard have glass sticks hanging up and when the wind blows, they make a pretty jingle. I cannot smell the glass sticks.

My yard is like the sidewalk but it has a garden at the back. The garden is mostly dirt but there is one tree and some little bushes. I have to go behind the bushes to smell the fence.

One day the Boss got some red pots with flowers in them. The flowers were red and white, and they had green leaves too. The Boss took a sort of spoon and dug holes in the dirt. Then she put the pots in the holes and put dirt over them. I watched her put in every pot and I sniffed each one afterwards.

Now, every day I sniff the flowers and I am careful not to walk on them. They are pretty.

The Boss says we are fooling people because they think the flowers grew in our garden.

Have you a garden?

Do you fool people too?

Goodbye!

Jannie Dinsmore

SPORTS SHOTS

Harvey (the Kitten) Haddix of the Pirates pitched a perfect game for twelve innings--the longest no-hit performance in major league annals--but lost. The Braves won, 2-0, when Joe Adcock blasted the ball into the stands in the thirteenth...Because of the Tigers' many losses (fifteen defeats in seventeen games), Manager Willie Norman was fired and was replaced by Jimmy Dykes, 62... At a special meeting in Columbus, Ohio, baseball's big league club owners said they would "favorably consider" a third major league. Said Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick: "I firmly believe we will have a third league within five years."... Baseball insiders expect confirmation soon of a second All-Star game this year, probably in August at Los Angeles...British-bred Tomy Lee won the 85th running of the Kentucky Derby at Louisville's Churchill Downs, nosing out Sword Dancer, to grab $119,650 first money. He was the first foreign-born to win the Derby since 1917...Royal Orbit, a three-year-old 7-to-1 shot, won the 83rd running of the Preakness Stakes at Pimlico, taking first money of $136,200...In the third round of the Sam Snead Festival at White Sulphyr Springs, W.Va., Snead himself reeled off nine birdies and an eagle for an eleven-under-par 59, the lowest score ever posted in a major golf tournament...After a year of barnstorming with the Harlem Globetrotters, towring (7ft. 2 in.) Wilt Chamberlain, 22, signed a one-year contract with the Philadelphia Warriors for $30,000--the highest salary in N.B.A. history...Harvard's varsity heavyweight crew won the regatta at the Eastern Assn. of Rowing Colleges on Lake Carnegie at Princeton, N.J., with Syracuse and Yale finishing second and third respectively...High-school senior John Mostyn, 18, of Englewood, N.J., set a national scholastic record of 9.3 seconds for the 100 yeard dash, tying the world mark...Averaging a record speed of 135.857 m.p.h., Roger Ward, 38, a former Air Force pilot and speedway veteran, won the 500-mile Decoration Day auto race at Indianapolis--and the $100,000-plus top prize.

MARGINALIA

Japanese Princess Suga, 20, youngest daughter of Emperor Hirohito, will marry Hisanaga Shimatzu, a $50-a-month bank clerk of Tokyo...President Eisenhower nominated Air Force Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., 46, for promotion to major general. He would be the first Negro ever to hold such rank in any branch of the U.S. armed forces...In Kansas City, Mrs. Bess Truman, 74, the former First Lady, underwent three-hour surgery for the removal of a benign breast tumor. While in New York, her daughter, Mrs. E. Clifton Daniel, gave birth to her second child, a 7-pound 3-ounce boy, by Caesaren section...Premier Fidel Castro began cutting up eastern Cuba's ranches and sugar plantations, most of them owned by U.S. citizens, for a vast "land reform" program, and gave top priority to those who served in his guerrilla army...Despite his rising popularity, Adlai Stevenson was urged by intimates not to seek the Democratic Presidential nomination, because another defeat would end his political prestige and influence. They suggested that he support Sen. Hubert Humphrey, and be his Secretary of State should Humphrey become President...Seven juvenile fugitives, one identified as Margaret Faubus, 14, grandniece of Gov. Orval E. Faubus of Ark., were captured as they attempted to cross the border into Mexico, after escaping from a detention home in San Luis Obispo, Calif...In semi-retirment and self-exile in Switzerland, comedian Charlie Chaplin, 70, has announced that he and wife Oona, 34, daughter of the late American playwright Eugene O'Neill, expect their seventh child in November...Gen. Nathan F. Twining, 61, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, underwent surgery for the removal of a lung cancer...An early Picasso nude (The Beautiful Dutch Girl) was sold at auction in London for $154,000. the highest price ever obtained for a Picasso painting. The 31-by-26-inch masterpiece depicts a nude figure seated against a predominantly black background, wearing only a small, close-fitting cap...Special police guards patrolled Notting

Hill, London's Little Harlem, to stave off renewed race rioting. Tension rose in the slum area after the murder of Negro Kelso Cochrane, 32, by gangs of white teen-agers...The Ministry of Health of Iraq requisitioned the American Seventh-day Adventist hospital because it had been "a source of danger, suspicion and distrust." It will be confiscated and restaffed with Soviet doctors...Marjorie Cantor, 44, eldest daughter of comedian Eddie Cantor's celebrated five daughters, died of cancer...An old Hertforshire, England, farmhouse, where legend has it that a doctor wrote a charming nursery rhyme about his daughter some 350 years ago, will be preserved as a national monument. The immortal moppet: Little Miss Muffet...A bill to make fasting a crime was up before India's Parliament last month. The "fast unto death" is an age-old Indian instrument of protest against authority...James Lee, 58, a white Baptist minister of Poplarville, Miss., and his son, Jeff Lee, a garage mechanic were investigated by the FBI as prime suspects in the lynching of Mack C. Parker, a Negro awaiting trial on charges of sexual assault. The pastor was also accused of shooting at FBI agents who were trailing him...Britain's two biggest passenger liners, the Queen Elizabeth and the Queen Mary, will be armed with guided missiles as protection against surprise bombing attacks, it war reported. The report, in the Sunday Graphic, said many other merchant ships also would be armed with the secret "sea cat" ship-to-air missile...Mrs. Beatrice Gurley, 41, of Miami, who offered a detective $1,000 to kill her husband, was freed, despite her plea of guilty to attempted murder. She owed her freedom to her husband, Dave, 45, who pleaded with the judge for her acquittal...The Rabbits' Wedding by Garth Williams, a juvenile picture book depicting the marriage of a white rabbit to a black rabbit, was removed from the shelves of Alabama public libraries because of segregationist protests...The longest telephone cable in the world (more than 3,900 miles) will be laid between Japan and Hawaii. When completed in 1960, the new cable will have capacity for 100 simultaneous conversations...Britain plans to enter the

space race by attempting to put a 1,000-pound satellite into orbit, using British rockets to launch it...An unidentified man, spotting an unguarded armored truck parked outside a bank at suburban Denver, Colo., casually opened the truck's door and helped himself to $164,450. The guard and driver remained in the bank longer than usual because of heavy deposits...By special decree of Monaco's sympathetic Prince Rainier III, Egypt's ex-King Farouk, 39, became a Monacan citizen...Myron C. Taylor, industrialist, philanthropist, representative to the Vatican for Presidents Roosevelt and Truman, died at 85...A 40-year-old African from Lourenco Marques, Mozambique, was bitten by a snake while sleeping in his hut--and the snake died. The man said his father had vaccinated him against snake bite with special roots...The newspaper El Dia, in Montevideo, said Cuban Communist leader Leonel G. Soto Prierto arrived in Uruguay to set up a Communist headquarters for hemispheric action...Joan Crawford Steele, 51, film star and widow of Alfred Steele, Board chairman of Pepsi-Cola Co., was elected director to fill the board vacancy made by her husband's death...Lt. Gen. Bernard Schriever, in testimony made public, sharply criticized the current nuclear "retaliation only" policy toward Russia. He said the U.S. should be prepared to attack first and hit the Soviets with a mortal atomic blow instead of waiting for a Red onslaught...President Eisenhower bestowed on John Foster Dulles, shortly before the death of the former Secretary of State, the nation's highest civilian decoration--the Medal of Freedom...A Nile River steamer, twenty feet from shore, keeled over when panicky passengers crowded the rails after the excursion boat sprang a leak. Some 150 of the 350 holiday-makers drowned... The London Star accused Prince Phillip of a "not so comic" prank in drenching two press photographers with hidden water sprinklers at the Chelsea flower show. The Prince pressed the button which set off the sprinklers, and led the laughs that ensued...President Eisenhower said he encouraged his three school-age grandchildren to get good grades by awarding "two bucks for each A, nothing for a B-plus, and if they get below a B, they have to give me a buck."

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

There is a weekly dramatic program that is on radio as well as on TV called "Have Gun - Will Travel." It presents a series of adventures in the Old West of a man named Paladin, who offers himself and his gun for hire. He does this in the interest of justice and fair play, and he goes out from his San Francisco headquarters into the highways and byways on all sorts of missions. There is always a hint of romance which never quite culminates, leaving him heart-free for the next episode. His identification is a card which he passes out, which reads "Paladin - Have Gun - Will Travel."

Jannie could well say these days, "Have This Boss - Must Travel." We had barely recovered from the trip to the West Coast when we took off again for the Midwest - Kansas City, Lansing, Indianapolis, Cleveland - and then home. We were gone just two weeks, but it seemed like four.

However, it was a good trip and Jannie was a real trooper, taking in her stride all the new places, new people, long meetings, and other guide dogs. Some familiar faces appeared in Kansas City and in Indianapolis, and she was surprised and delighted each time this happened. The most gratifying experience, however, was her reaction to other dogs. At first she jumped around, hoping to have a romp with them; but after being told firmly that this behavior was puppyish and not permissible, she settled down to business like a grownup. All of the dogs were mature and well-behaved and Jan seemed to imitate them.

It may seem strange that we hopped back and forth across the Midwestern states, but there were scheduled meetings which had been set well in advance. At the Kansas City Medical Center nine deaf-blind children from Kansas and one from Missouri were brought in for observation so that plans could be developed for their education and training. These children had been given service pre-

viously by the Center and had reached varying degrees of progress. State officials and representatives from interested agencies in Kansas were present, as well as directors from the regional and federal offices of the Children's Bureau. Four staff members of the Perkins School for the Blind came to observe and to try some tests that had been used with other deaf-blind children. The head teachers of the Deaf-Blind Departments in the Washington and Alabama Schools were also observers during the two-day session. At the concluding meeting, tentative recommendations were drawn up and we feel that constructive plans for each child are in the making.

In Lansing, Michigan, a meeting was held to make preliminary plans for the expansion of the Deaf-Blind Department there, and to consider the possibility of initiating a teacher-training program.

In Indianapolis, Indiana, there was a three-day meeting of the Midwestern Conference of Home Teachers. This group of enthusiastic workers listened patiently, but with genuine interest, to my half-hour speech about service needed for deaf-blind people.

The stop in Cleveland was unexpected, but was made possible because of some canceled appointments in Indianapolis. It was a hurried stopover, but it gave us a chance to visit Bud Spilker, Camille Smith, and Michael Sims. At the Sims' house we ran into Leslie Oren who was visiting Michael on his way home from Detroit. It was a surprise all around because no plans had been made ahead of time.

Now we are grounded for at least two months and it is good to stay put for a while. The trip was strenuous and tiring in many ways, but that spur-of-the-moment stop in Cleveland gave it a stimulating conclusion.

Annette Dinsmore

To the average layman, contemplating no dishonest act, last month's U.S. Supreme Court decisions on double jeopardy came as a jolt. Ever since they studied their American history in school, most Americans had believed that the Fifth Amendment, besides safeguarding against self-incrimination, protected them from being tried twice for the same offense. They were mistaken, said the Court, and always had been. The key case involved Alfonse Bartkus, accused of robbing a bank in Cicero, Ill. Since the bank was Federally insured, Bartkus was tried in a Federal court in 1953--and acquitted. But bank robbery also violates Illinois state law; and less than a month later, an Illinois grand jury indicted Bartkus for the same offense. This time tried in a state Court, he was convicted.

To a 5-4 majority of the Supreme Court, the conviction in the Illinois Court was valid. In its majority opinion the Court held that dual prosecution is constitutionally justified in this kind of case. If the offense violated both the Federal law and the law of the state where it was committed, the offender was subject to prosecution in both the Federal and state courts--in whatever order he might be arrested. But no rash dual prosecution was expected. U.S. Attorney General William P. Rogers said the Court merely "reaffirmed the existence of a power," but that this power, as in the past, would be applied "sparingly" and only when "the reasons are compelling."

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Even hummed off-key it's as fine a folk song as America can boast. "The Big Rock Candy Mountain," and part of it goes this way:

> On a summer's day, in the month of May,
> A burly bum come a-hikin'
> Down a shady lane, by the sugar cane,
> A-lookin' for his likin'...

What he's really looking for--it was carefully explained to the Art Directors Club of New York, a top group of commercial art editors--are the universal

symbols that hoboes still use as a language of private communication. Even today, in America, there are an estimated 50,000 genuine, honest-to-goodness hoboes, and they use a language as old as the Rosetta stone: Hieroglyphics, the language of symbols. It is terse, explicit, and graphic. Some of the common symbols, placed on telegraph poles, are: An eye--the town cops are alert. A pair of handcuffs--they arrest hoboes. A dipper inverted--this is a dry town. A pile of logs--worst of all, you have to work for a meal.

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"Sacrilege," said Indonesia's Moslem councilors. "Imperialism," cried the Communists. Cause of the commotion on Java: Hula-Hoops. These evil products of capitalism, it seems, were selling like hot rice cakes. Jakarta's City Council formally banned Hula-Hooping because "its rhythm might stimulate passions." In Bandung, police raided the local stores and destroyed 7,500 hoops. To radio Peking this was a signal victory over hip-waggling U.S. "colonialism." But not over capitalism: Next day, the Reds complained, Javanese merchants were selling even more Hula-Hoops, on the black market.

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More fuel was added to the fire last month when nearly a score more congressmen were identified as members of the "Family Club." This brought the total to almost one-fifth of all House members and senators.

Democratic Rep. Iris Faircloth Blitch rents what used to be her garage in Homerville, Ga. (population: 1,900), to the government for $100 a month. She said the garage was remodeled into an office because "space is hard to come by" in a small town and "my husband didn't like visitors tramping all over the house." Mrs. Blitch also belongs to the Capitol Hill Family Club; her son, Brooks, a law student, is on her Washington office payroll for $431 a month.

Democratic Rep. Ralph Scott deeded his Danbury, N.C., law office to his wife, then rented it from her for $100 a month. (Scott quickly announced that he would maintain the office "at my own expense" because of "critical publicity.")

Republican Reps. Jack Westland, Junior, of Washington and Charles M. Teague of California, and Democratic Rep. James C. Healey of Bronx, N.Y., rented $100-a-month offices in party headquarters back in their home districts.

Rep. T. Ashton Thompson, Louisiana Democrat, billed the government for space in a flower shop owned by his sister-in-law.

With all the revelations about the secrets of Congressional spending, something was bound to happen on Capitol Hill. It did: The House, imitating a Senate practice, tried to clamp a tighter security ring on Congressional expense accounts. But the openhanded congressman may have even more problems. Scripps-Howard reporter Vance Trimble, who uncovered the nepotism mess, brought suits in Washington's U.S. District Court to force the House and Senate clerks to open all the records on Congressional payrolls and expenses. Will Trimble win his case? There was no clear precedent for his suit; and traditionally, the courts have been reluctant to interfere with what goes on inside Congress. If--as often happens--the courts should decide that Trimble must get Congress's permission to sue the government, his case probably won't stand much of a chance.

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While Nikita Khrushchev talks, the other 202 million inhabitants of the Soviet Union do their best to go about their daily business, living and loving, bettering their lot, and sometimes--with the skill born of long practice--outwitting bureaucracy. Khrushchev has long had ambitions to move many Muscovites far beyond Sputnikville. Two years ago he eliminated scores of Moscow bureaus, ordered 60,000 employees, from charwomen to ranking executives, moved to regional councils thousands of miles away. Last month it developed that many upper-bracket wives had refused to join their husbands in the sticks. Komsomolskaya Pravda summoned seven such wives to its offices to find out why they were not with their husbands in provincial Sverdlovsk, in the Urals. First the women talked of Moscow's culture and comforts, but when assured that Sverdlovsk has

culture, too, the most common excuse was: "My Mama is sick." One woman complained that she had nine different ailments (the ninth: hydrophobia against the kind of water used in Sverdlovsk). Together, the seven women claimed a total of 67 maladies that only living in Moscow seemed to check.

Two months ago Khrushchev himself told the Soviet people to shape up--discard their familiar padded jackets and baggy pants. Result: on Moscow streets, vivid hats are replacing drab shawls, and more men are wearing fedoras instead of cloth hats. But following fashion is not always easy, complained Izvestia. Only one man in 30 can find a ready-made suit that will fit him. In a ladies' clothing store on Gorky Street an Izvestia reporter overheard a salesgirl telling a customer,"Your figure is nonstandard, and you won't find anything for yourself." The next 20 customers were likewise nonstandard. The Central Institute of the Garment Industry's explanation: the State Planning Commission has failed to give cutters proper guidance because the Scientific Research Institute of Anthropology has failed to supply it with proper statistical data on the size and shapes of the Soviet people. Another cause of all the trouble, added Izvestia: up until recently, the clothing industry has been headed by a lumber expert.

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But noon and night, the panting teams
Stop under the great oaks that throw
Tangles of light and shade below
On roof and doors and window sills...

There was really only one great oak, and it had spread its tangles of light and shade for more than 400 years when Longfellow wrote those lines in his mellow "Tales of a Wayside Inn" in 1863. It had been mature when Christopher Columbus was a boy. Its stature and girth were a matter of pride to the earliest colonists of Sudbury, Mass., a good horseback ride from Boston, in 1638, and by the time the Wayside Inn was built in its shade along the Old Boston Post Road in 1686, it was a landmark, like Nobscot Hill.

When Ed Lemon bought the Wayside Inn in 1897, the great oak already was

ailing, its lower trunk--6 feet in diameter--cavernous. Ed Lemon was a great and jolly trencherman and had a trencherman's proper girth. One day, after a particularly sumptuous meal, he was showing off his beloved tree to guests and he edged his way inside the hollow trunk--and couldn't get out. Rejecting all offers of aid by saw or ax, Ed fasted for 24 hour, until he lost enough weight to free himself. After that, the great oak was known as The Lemon Tree.

Last month the word spread among the salt-box houses of Sudbury and the 2,600 residents were saddened to a man. Longfellow and Lemon and "the panting teams" were long since gone. Now The Lemon Tree had groaned its last and crashed into legend. A sapling would replace it.

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Somewhere in the Soviet Ukraine, there's a small American town. Its movie houses show only Hollywood pictures, its stores sell only the most popular American-made goods. Its inhabitants look, act, and talk like Texans or Bostonians or Midwesterners. Some even converse in Brooklynese. They wheel up to snack bars in Fords, Plymouths, or Chevies, hop onto stools to gulp "shakes," munch "burgers," and argue about Mickey Mantle's sore arm, the Los Angeles Dodgers, Elvis Presley's home-coming from the Army, the Connie Nicholas trial. It is, in short, the kind of place any American would feel at home in, as do the 1,000 Russians who now live there--studying to be spies in America.

So reported the Swedish military journal Contact With the Army."Pupils in this spy center," said the journal,"are hand-picked from the best students in Soviet universities (and train) in some cases as long as ten years. When these agents go to the United States--either in a legal way, as diplomats, or in other ways--they are ready at once to fulfill their mission."

U.S. intelligence experts said there's little reason to doubt the Swedish story. This kind of espionage training, they add, goes on in many countries, including the U.S. But only rarely does it come to light. Like the time an American tourist in Leningrad invited a fellow "American" to his hotel room for a drink. The "American" tossed $5,000 in greenbacks on the

table and cracked: "Here's some lettuce for you, bud. How's about working for our side now?"

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The voice on the East German radio was youthful but toneless. Under the prodding of a woman judge, it pleaded guilty to charges of treason and activities "threatening the welfare" of the Communist state. This was the broadcast that many West Germans heard last month, direct from a Dresden courtroom. The confessed traitor: a 21-year-old Dresden Technical University student on trial with four other "ringleaders" for attempting to set up a "Tito-style National Communist group" in East Germany. The students had been arrested by secret police in January as part of a Communist attempt to stamp out "deviationism" among university men. Following a similar raid last October, students of Jena's Friedrich Schiller University were jailed for up to fifteen years on treason charges. Their offense: Demanding nationwide free elections to reunite Germany. As the trial droned on, the five young men confessed "We undertook military training in order to further our plan so as to accustom ourselves to the use of weapons to eventually achieve our putsch," said Dieter Brendel, threatened with a five-year sentence. "We met in my Dresden apartment," said 21-year-old Arnim Schreiter (facing eight years in jail), "to work out our basic plans under the influence of the Western radio."

There was a note of pique in the Red announcer's voice when he complained that Schreiter was receiving 220 marks ($52) a month from the government. The boy had spent much of his time drawing up mailing lists of students to supply with Western publications. Incredibly, the Red prosecutor wound up his case by charging the five young men with attempted murder of a fellow student, 20-year-old Gernot Frey, who supposedly had informed on them. The alleged murder method: Peppering him with poisoned air-gun pellets.

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TRIVIA

DIVINING ROD - While Clerk Marie Wray of Pittsburh, Pa., was showing a customer a surplus Army rifle, the gun pointed in the direction of Customer Chester Hoak, who threw up his arms, said, "I surrender," turned out to be wanted by police for passing bad checks in nearby stores.

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ON THE ROCK - Near Tallahassee, Fla., members of the Pisgah Methodist Church listened to a sermon titled "Build Your Church on a Firm Foundation," then crawled under the building to get folding tables for a church dinner, found a 250-gallon cache of moonshine whisky.

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ACCESSORY - When Mechanic Hector Cote of Putnam, Conn., explained to a woman motorist that she had been having touble with her car because she had been driving with the choke pulled out, the lady said: "Oh I thought that was to hang my pocketbook on."

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SINNER SPRING - In Greymouth, New Zealand, police searched two weeks for escaped prisoner John David Buckeridge, finally pulled back the covers on a neatly made bed in his mother's home, found Buckeridge stuffed inside the mattress with only his head sticking out.

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DRESS CONFERENCE - When a reporter questioned Governor Robert Theadore Stafford of Montpelier, Vt., about a bill to outlaw nudist colonies, the Governor said: "I haven't uncovered all the facts yet."

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NET GAIN - In Effingham, Ill., Mayor Paul Taylor (salary: $800 a year) advised future office seekers to "start at the top and run for dog catcher" (1958 earnings $1,200).

SPORTING LIFE - Senator Stanley Arnold of Sacramento, Calif., introduced a bill in the state legislature requiring hunters who shoot other hunters to file a report with the fish and game department within 48 hours.

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LIFE OF THE PARTY - In Indianapolis, the Democratic sheriff's deputies were especially pleased when Democrat Mrs. Opal Kremer took over as county recorder, because her Republican predecessor had kept the door of the toilet locked, refusing to share it with Democrats.

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STOOLIES - Guards of Ionia, Mich., noticed much excitement among the pigeons on the roof of the state reformatory, captured two inmates who were about to jump to freedom.

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HOPPED UP - After a traffic accident, Casimir Rosinski of West Hartford, Conn., was booked because he smelled of drink, was acquitted when he said, "I always smell that way," told the jury he worked for the Ruppert brewery.

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BRAVE - In Pittsburg, Kans., learning of a possible interruption of the city's water supply, City Commissioner Lynn McCool anxiously declaimed: "We can go a day without drinking water, but we can't go that long without fire water."

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REAPER - In Uvalde, Texas, the Leader-News cheered M. Watson Frazar's election as president of the Chamber of Commerce, pointed out that "evidence of Frazar's faith in the future of Uvalde is his new funeral home."

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LUGROLLING - A headline in the Freehold, N.J., Transcript announced: G.O.P. CLUBS BACK CROOK FOR SHERIFF.

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JANNIE'S CORNER

Hi there! It's me again.

The Boss and I stayed in a room with a queer door. It was two doors. One door was thick and the Boss had to open it with a key just like our door at home. The other was funny. It was loose and banged and had boards with spaces between. You couldn't see through it, but you could smell through it.

One time when the Boss opened both the doors, she held them wide open and said I must not catch my tail. She thought I went inside, but I didn't. I backed out, and she shut the doors. I was very quiet.

Then I ran around the halls and saw lots of doors. I ran fast, and there were new smells too. Some doors were open and I peeked inside. Then I ran some more and had a good time.

When I went back to our room,,I jumped on the door to tell the Boss I was there. She opened the doors and said, "Where have you been, Jan? I thought you were here in the room!"

I just wagged my tail.

I did surprise the Boss that time!

The Boss surprised me one day too. I played with my pretty blue and yellow ball. I rolled it and bounced it and the Boss threw it in the air. I caught it many times, and then the Boss threw it out the window. I looked out after it and cried. But I could not get it! I went back to the window over and over again. I could see my ball far down, but I could not get it!

Then the Boss telephoned somebody.

After a while, a big man came to the door and gave me my ball. How did he find it?

I do like my blue and yellow ball!

Goodbye!

Jannie Dinsmore

SPORTS SHOTS

Boston fans were outraged and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People charged discrimination when the Red Sox, only major-league team that has never used Negro players, farmed out Negro shortstop Elijah Jerry ("Pumpsie") Green, who hit a respectable..327 in spring training. ..The Cardinals placed pitcher Sal Maglie on the waiver list and announced that if no one claimed him he would be dropped soon. The consensus was that at 41, Maglie, who pitched both the Giants and the Dodgers to pennants, had little left but his reputation...Don Black, 41, former Cleveland pitcher who hurled a no-hitter against the Athletics in 1947 and the next year twisted his neck while batting and suffered a hemorrhage that ended his playing days, died of lung cancer...In the first all-Canadian hockey final since 1951, Montreal's Canadiens defeated the Leafs to become the first team in National Hockey League history to carry off the Stanley Cup four years in a row...The Boston Celtics crushed the Minneapolis Lakers in four straight games to win the play-offs of the National Basketball Association, justifying the claim of winning Coach Red Auerbach that they were "the greatest team in the history of the sport."...Three Kentucky Derby favorites--First Landing, Atoll and Intentionally--stayed in front for most of the running of $88,100 Wood Memorial at New York's Jamaica race track. But the pace was too fast, and a 64-to-1 long shot named Manassa Mauler won by three quarters of a length to take $55,915 first money...Navy appointed Wayne Hardin, its 32-year-old backfield coach, as head coach. Next year's Army-Navy game will match him against another rookie coach, Dale Hall, who succeeded Earl Blaik...Stillman's Gym in New York City, where 95 per cent of the world champions have trained since 1917, will close--another victim of boxing's decline. Said 73-year-old Lou Stillman nostalgically, "Boxing's through. Finished. Nothing can save it now!"...Heavyweight Champion Floyd Patterson knocked out Britain's Brian London in the 11th round of a title fight on May 1st at Indianapolis.

MARGINALIA

The West German newspaper 5-Uhr Blatt in a dispatch dated Moscow reported Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev suffered fainting spells on March 10, 19, April 3 and 7, followed by temporary blackouts. Doctors think that he may have a brain tumor but Khrushchev declines to submit to a thorough checkup...Czech police arrested a number of Catholic priests and theology students accused of forming "a fifth column in the service of the Vatican." Fourteen have already been tried, but the sentences have not been disclosed...Princess Margaret and Queen Mother Elizabeth arrived in Rome for a precedent-breaking visit with Pope John. Some palace quarters firmly believe that Margaret, long believed sympathetic toward the Church of Rome, is now preparing to embrace Catholicism unless she is able to marry Peter Townsend by her 30th birthday, August 21 next year...Dr. Vladimir Demikhov, Russia's noted transplanting surgeon, created the world's first two-headed dog, by grafting the head and forelegs of a puppy onto the back of the neck of a full-grown German shepherd. The animal is Russia's "surgical sputnik" and may go down in medical history as the key to results that seem like science fiction--from replacing lost limbs and worn out organs to possible rejuvenation...The Supreme Court dismissed the case of Mrs. Lena Bristol and Mrs. Barbara Tittle of Texas who were refused admission to Texas A & M--an all-male college. They used the same argument Negroes did in winning the Supreme Court school integration decision--that of denying them their Constitutional rights of "equal protection."...The birthplace of former President Truman was dedicated as a public shrine demonstrating to the world that "greatness can be bred in humble surroundings." The tiny white frame in which Truman was born nearly 75 years ago was presented to Missouri as a memorial by the United Auto Workers...Frank Lloyd Wright, the greatest architect of the twentieth century, died at 89...Sen. Stuart Symington said that he would not

refuse a "draft" for his party's 1960 Presidential nomination. The Missourian, who previously had brushed aside all talk of candidacy, is regarded as former President Truman's choice...Mrs. Moddie Mae Oliver, 50, of Lumberton, N.C., a blind woman, told reporters that she was expecting to give birth to her 33rd child. She has been married 35 years...Arthur Godfrey, the 55-year-old TV-radio celebrity, underwent surgery for the removal of a lung cancer. His condition after the six-hour operation was reported "good."...U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas' book Strange Lands and Friendly People was banned in Jordan because authorities said it contained criticism of the Arabs...A lynch mob of masked white men broke into the county jail in Poplarville, Miss., beat and abducted 23-year-old accused Negro rapist Mack C. Parker. The victim, believed to have been slain, was accused of assualting a young white mother who was expecting her second child...Swedish school children stunned education authorities by voting against a holiday each Saturday. About 72 per cent of the ballots cast in a nation-wide poll of high school and senior elementary students were in favor of continuing the present six-day school week...Five strip-tease dancers paraded through downtown London to protest the showing of movies featuring nudes. The strippers wore sweaters and jeans or neat demure suits...Former welterweight boxing champion Johnny Saxton, 28, whose piston fists earned him world fame and a quarter of a million dollars, tried to hang himself in a jail cell after he was caught robbing a 5-and-10 cent store...A Mexican airliner exploded in flight near Guaymas on the Gulf of California, killing 26 passengers, including a baby born aboard 30 minutes before the accident...Pat Williams,18, was voted Miss Sacramento--the first Negro ever to wear the local crown. The 36-24½-37 beauty now aspires to the Miss California and Miss America titles...Giovanni Calamai, a barber in a village near Florence, Italy, dreamed he won a weekly numbers lottery. The dream was so convincing he invested in a dozen tickets at about 8 cents each--and won $107,000...In

Las Vegas, Nev., three gunmen invaded the palatial ranch of Vera Krupp, ex-wife of German munitions baron Alfred von Krupp, and stripped a 33.6 carat diamond ring valued at $300,000 from her finger...Kansas-born Communist Earl Browder, 67, was divorced by his wife, Gladys, 67, after 48 years of marriage. Mrs. Browder said her husband had deserted her in 1924 and married a Russian-born girl with whom he had three sons...Japanese Crown Prince Akihito, 25, and his bride, Michiko, 24, were flooded with wedding presents from all over the world, including an electrically illuminated crystal bowl valued at $1400 from President and Mrs. Eisenhower. Conspicuously, there were no gifts from the Soviet bloc...David Niven and Susan Hayward were named the top film stars of 1958 at the 31st annual Academy Awards ceremony. Niven's Oscar was for his role of the bogus British colonel in "Separate Tables"; Miss Hayward's for her characterization of a woman executed for murder in "I Want To Live!"...Three prisoners in a new "escape-proof" jail in Paterson, N.J., escaped in the institution's first prison break. The $1,700,000 was opened in 1957 and received nationwide attention as having a "foolproof security system."...CBS' Playhouse 90 and NBC's Steve Allen program won the coveted 1958 Peabody Awards as the top TV dramatic and comedy shows...Celebrating the silver jubilee of the Canine Insurance Association--a company that insures tens of thousands of British dogs, and also compensates citizens who might be nipped by a client--25 member dogs gathered in one of London's most fashionable hotels to enjoy a sumptuous dinner served from silver platters by waiters in tails...Alfred N. Steele, board chairman of Pepsi-Cola and husband of actress Joan Crawford, died at 58..Oklahoma ended 51 years of prohibition in the seventh repeal election in the state's history...Thomas Sandland, 81, insurance agent of Smethwick, England, honeymooned with 85-year-old Mrs. Mabel Dickens after courting her and her sister, Edith, 77, for four years. "It suddenly came over me when we were left alone that it was Mabel I loved," Sandland said.

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

Just before Easter, Jannie and I took a midnight plane, non-stop from Los Angeles to New York. We left that Western country of flowers and warm sunshine to land in sleet and slush which turned into a near-blizzard within a few hours. It was as if we had slept half a year around and jumped from August to January in one night.

It was a good trip--three weeks--although, as usual, there was too little time to see everyone we wanted to visit. We did go to see a number of people who have recently lost sight and hearing, and managed to have a few brief visits with some old friends--Bill McDaniels, Jackie Coker, Alice Blais, Tad Chapman, Lillian Sabinske, and Theodore Mersch. On the last day, we were on the way to visit Maud Devine when a car dashed around a corner and rammed into us. Both cars were banged up and had to be towed away, but, fortunately, no one was hurt.

Jannie was interested in everyone and everything. There were so many new sights and sounds that she seemed to have to watch in all directions at once. She would dearly have loved to run loose, but had only a few opportunities to do so. She had good romps at Alice Blais' and Lillian Sabinske's homes where they have fenced-in yards.

During the trip there were several all-day staff meetings with state workers who showed genuine interest in deaf-blind people, and a desire to offer them effective service. At one meeting, in San Francisco, the question was raised as to the number and distribution of deaf and hard-of-hearing blind people in California. I had come prepared with these figures brailled on a 3 x 5 card. But when I looked for it on the table where I had carefully placed it, it had disappeared. After a search, it was found, chewed into small pieces under Jannie's paw, and though we tried to fit the bits together

like a jig-saw puzzle, many of the original dots were obliterated and new ones added by tooth-marks. Jannie successfully guarded the secret of these statistics and everyone laughed at her efforts to study mathematics.

Another near-mix-up occurred when we were boarding a plane in Portland, Oregon, to fly to Sacramento. I had been told that the flight would leave at 2:40 P.M., but the agent who hurried us across the field said it was starting at 2:30. As Jannie and I followed him up the steps, the last passengers to board, I kept muttering about how queer it was to be told 2:40 when it was actually leaving at 2:30. I kept this up as I was fastening my seat belt and another passenger exclaimed that the Sacramento plane was the one leaving at 2:40. I quickly asked where this plane was going and found it was headed for San Francisco. We had just time enought to "deplane" and catch the other for Sacramento--after holding up the San Francisco plane for more than ten minutes.

All of this proves that it is wise to "speak your mind". If I had kept quiet, Jannie and I would have arrived in San Francisco, and our friend in Sacramento would have come to the airport to meet only our baggage!

Literally and figuratively, such are the ups and downs of travel in these United States.

Annette Dinsmore

NEWS DIGEST

The British television drama had just started when a solemn-faced "news reader" came on the screen and announced in ominous tones: "We are interrupting the program... Tonight a new and terrifying satellite has been launched into outer space... It hangs stationary over London. Here it is seen from a camera on the top of Television House." A dim, sputnik-like object appeared onscreen and the announcer continued. "Is this an enemy space platform? The Prime Minister has called an emergency Defense Council meeting..." In a matter of seconds, an elderly woman burst into a pub in Hackney and yelled: "Get your children off the streets, war's started!" A few minutes later, a man called the Daily Mail and declared: "My wife is suffering terribly from shock. I cannot pacify her." Another man was in the bath when the door burst open and his wife, carrying their two small children, screamed: "Let's get over to Mum's quick!" Physicians phoned to complain of the effect on their patients. All in all, there were hundreds of frantic inquiries and bitter complaints.

The hair-raising announcement, actually a part of the dramatic show, was possibly the worst broadcasting scare since Orson Welles' famous U.S. radio broadcast of "The War of the Worlds" in 1938. Besides attracting complaints it drew threats of legal action and talk of a parliamentary inquiry. Norman Marshall, the network's director of drama, resigned, although he insisted that his departure had nothing to do with the uproar. Sir Robert Fraser, Director General of the Independent Television Authority, apologized to the nation: "We are extremely sorry...a bad blunder."

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On his TV show last month, newsman Chet Huntley needled the nations's press: "it will be interesting to see how many newspapers give this story as much attention as they gave similar regrettable occurrences in other

media." The story Huntley had in mind was the disclosure that newspaper cross-word-type puzzle contests were being fixed on a nationwide scale by a team of tipsters who supplied contestants with answers and collected most of the jackpot cash. But Huntley to the contrary, the case of the crooked cross-words was only faintly reminiscent of last year's uproar over the fixing of TV quiz shows. And among the newspapers that splashed the the puzzle scandals on their pages,none played it bigger than the papers that had been hardest hit--The Oregon Journal and The Oregonian.

The two Portland papers had been running puzzles purchased from reputable national syndicates. In both The Journal's "Cashword" and the Oregonian's competing "Coinword" contest, readers were given blanks to fill and a choice of words with which to fill them. (Example: "Match," "patch," or "watch" could be the five letter word ending in "ch" that is needed to complete the sentence: "A tailor might refuse to ----- a pair of pants because he is too busy.")

The Portland papers began to suspect something might be amiss soon after they began the puzzles last year. Although syndicates estimate the odds against winning at "about 40,000 to one," one jackpot winner repeated in just two weeks. Another refused to pose for a photograph, and several others received news of their good luck with unaccountable glumness. Joining forces to investigate these puzzling occurrences, the papers soon turned up evidence of skulduggery. A local disk jockey admitted he had received help through an anonymous phone call and had wired most of his earnings to an address in Detroit, and a housewife said she had been paid $300 for the use of her name on a winning entry.

With this evidence in hand, the two papers abruptly canceled their cash-paying puzzles. Neither the papers nor the syndicates could explain how the tipsters had gained access to the answers, which are carefully kept secret

and mailed to the papers in two parts--the second one after the deadline for entries. At month's end, both the FBI and the Senate rackets committee were looking into the puzzle puzzle.

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The machine, called a Programatic, seems innocuous enough. It is a little higher than a man, and looks like a stack of two tape recorders with a panel of dials, buttons, and gauges underneath. But when it goes on the market for the first time it may mean that automation has really come to U.S. radio.

A bank of three of the machines, offered by Muzak at $3,000 apiece, and supplied with eight-hour rolls of specially recorded Muzak music, will permit the station's owner to start the reels rolling and leave his station to fend for itself for a full 24 hours. The contraption will inject station breaks, time signals, and commercials at exactly the right moment,re-adjust for tape stretchage, and alert the station owner if anything goes wrong.

How do the people who will be most drastically affected feel about it? Martin Block, dean of the country's 2,500 disk jockeys, said confidently: "You can't automate personality. I won't start worrying for awhile." An American Federation of Radio and Television Artists spokesman was less sanguine: "You can't fight progress. It will cost some people jobs. But we have gotten generous severance pay provisions in the latest contracts."

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It was a single name and a single figure, listed on the January payroll record for the House of Representatives,that touched off all furor about Congressmen playing the old game of keeping public money in the family. Under the heading "Clerks" newsmen spotted the name: "Carter,Steven A." He had been assigned to the office of Rep. Steven V. Carter, Iowa Democrat. His salary: $11,873.20 per annum. It took only a quick check by hard-breathing reporters to find that Steven A. Carter is the 19-year-old son of Steven V. Carter and that he also is carrying nine semester hours of pre-law classes at George Washington University. This is the sort of story that makes head-

lines, but there was more to come. Reporters making a complete check of Congressional payrolls found that some 125 relatives of congressmen hold staff jobs at salaries ranging from $2,000 to almost $14,000 a year--and 45 of those relatives are wives of congressmen. The list included: James C. Auchincloss of New Jersey, who pays his wife $12,364; Robert W. Levering of Ohio, who pays his wife $12,527; Milton W. Glenn of New Jersey, whose son gets $5,931; Leonard G. Wolf of Iowa, whose wife gets the maximum of $13,344, and Albert Rains of Alabama, whose wife gets $10,565.

The story began to draw headlines all over the country--and the reason for the furor was perfectly clear: A congressman makes $22,500 a year, plus extras. The average per capita income in the United States is $2,027, without extras. Reaction around Capitol Hill was almost instantaneous. It was a reaction of outraged indignation--not against nepotism, but against the newspapers that had printed the stories. Congressmen were upset by the publicity. For one thing, it practically killed any chance for passage of a bill in the House which would allow Representatives to hire an additional administrative aide at $14,162 a year. They also knew that, no matter how much or how well they explained, their political opponents were already saving up the charges of nepotism as additional political ammunition, come next election time.

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In the Sicilian scheme of things, nothing is so important for a girl as her honor--unless perhaps it is the size of her dowry. In the case of Vincenzina d'Urso, a willowy girl of 21 with chestnut hair, the dowry fell short of the expectations of the bridegroom's family. Words were exchanged, doors slammed; Vincenzina's marriage to Enzo d'Agostino, a 21-year-old truck driver, was abruptly called off. But Vincenzina and Enzo were in love, and they ran away together. It was then that the question of Vincenzina's honor came up. Six years before, she confessed in tears, when she was 15, there had been

Ernesto--Ernesto who was "so handsome that girls ate him with their eyes." But it was all over now, and Ernesto had married. Although Enzo himself was not married to Vincenzina, he was outraged by her confession, took her home to her family. Vincenzina's father was shamed, ordered her out of the house, and draped black cloth over his front door.

From that moment Vincenzina knew what she must do. She bought a butcher knife, tucked it inside a newspaper and started walking. She found Ernesto, her first love, at a bus stop. "Vincenzina, you are prettier than ever," Ernesto began, but he did not finish. Vincenzina fell upon him with her knife, stabbing him in the chest and stomach.

At her trial Vincenzina told the judge: "I had to kill him to restore my honor. There was no other way." Luckily, Ernesto survived the knifing, and the judge, allowing that "a woman must be the guardian of her own honor," sentenced Vincenzina to a mild three years in jail.

With her honor so clearly restored, even Enzo d'Agostino felt in a forgiving mood. In the chapel of Catania's prison he married her, then went home to wait for her release from jail. It might not be long; so moved was all Italy by Vincenzina's story last month that President Giovanni Gronchi was reportedly about to pardon her.

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The Conservative Party's Dame Irene Ward forgot herself. She forgot she was in the House of Commons; that M.P.'s there invariably address each other as "Honorable Members"; and that the Honorable Member for Warrington was her old friend, Labor M.P. Dr. Edith Summerskill. "Oh, Edith!" she snapped during a debate on health services, "you really are an ass!"

"Vulgar abuse!" snapped back Dr. Summerskill, "I am surprised that Dame Irene should be so feline."

"Well, really!" said Dame Irene as Laborite M.P. Maurice Edelman demanded to know: "Is it in order to describe the Honorable Member for Warrington as

an ass?" Order or no, both ladies' slips were now quite evident. Staring straight ahead and with a look of bland innocence on his face, Committee Chairman Charles Royle, who plays moderator announced: "I didn't hear a word."

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Presidential hopefuls, Congressmen with relatives on the payroll and even the cold war were discussed in lyrics at the annual banquet of the Gridiron Club in Washington. Most of the distinguished victims, including Vice President Nixon, were on hand as guests of the newsmen's club. Members impersonated their prominent roastees and represented them as involved in things like this: Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield asked Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) where the Republicans made their mistakes last November. "We asked the voters to examine our record," was the reply. Democrats, too, were singed in song. The voters were invited to support Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) as the first candidate ever offered on the family plan. In behalf of the Kennedy clan, prosperous father Joseph P. Kennedy, former ambassador to Britain, wooed the electors with: All of us, Why not take all of Us? Fabulous--You can't live without us. My son Jack Heads the procession. Then comes Bob, Groomed for succession... And Southern Democrats staged a sob session singing: Let us rally 'round the flag, boys--By order of the court...

The club paid its respects to nepotism in Congress. A member impersonated Rep. Steven V. Carter (D-Iowa) and sang: Pack all your fam-ly on the old payroll, and Smile, smile, smile. If you've a son or two that aren't too old, Hire, boys, that's the style...

The cold war was analyzed in a skit. "The Battle of Bunkum Hill." It turned out that the Administration's bigger bang for fewer bucks was a barely audible pop. The newsmen toasted and roasted their distinguished victims with rye, rhyme and riducule, and behind the liquor, lyrics and lampooning was the sober fact that the American press is free, uncontrolled and uncontrollable by any person, party or power.

TRIVIA

PICKUP - Motorist W. S. Patton of Ashland, Ky., kept looking in his rear view mirror, wondered why a light truck was following him so closely, finally discovered that the truck had no driver, had been hooked to his bumper since he backed into it in a parking space.

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QUALIFICATIONS - In Barrie, Ont., while checking an illegally parked taxi, police discovered that Driver Ross Grant had no operator's license, no municipal taxi license, and received a pension from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

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CROSSING THE BAR - John C. Shears of Wichita, Kans., got into a knife fight, was shot in the back as he was leaving the Live and Let Live Cafe.

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ASSAULT WITH BATTERY - Judge Roushdy Abaza of Alexandria, Egypt, dismissed charges against nine couples accused of kissing in a theater, because a policeman had illegally used a flashlight to catch them.

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TIME ORDER - In San Francisco, the Call-Bulletin--on a bad day for the erring society page--noted the engagement of Regina Maxine Cornblum and Herbert Handy, said "an April wedding is planned after their honeymoon."

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PIPE DREAM - Near Altus, Okla., employees of the Sooner State Drilling & Producing Co. set up a drill rig, smiled with surprise as they struck a 4,000-bbl.-in-hour gusher a mere 2½ ft. beneath the earth's surface, checked the find more closely, then hastily removed their equipment, repaired the gap in the 16-in. pipeline owned by the Service Pipe Line Co. of Tulsa.

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UNDERCOVER AGENT - In Moradabad, India, when police spotted and arrested an "Eve Teaser" (a man who makes romantic advances to veiled and shrouded Moslem women), the lady begged that her molester be set free, overcame the police refusals when she lifted her veil and revealed herself as the man's wife.

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HOT DRINKS - While fire blazed in the kitchen of Frank Collins' Bar, in Detroit, while the building filled with smoke, while firemen dragged hoses through the barroom and water sloshed on the floor, seven steady customers refused to budge from their bar stools.

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QUEENS WILD - Mrs. Hazel Ferguson of Clovis, N. Mex., irked at her husband for joining a late night card party, stalked into the game with pistol in hand, fired a shot into the floor, lined up the players against the wall, marched her errant husband home at gunpoint, next day was fined $25 for discharging a firearm within the city limits.

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HIVE BOUND - Representative Lloyd Bell of Columbia, S.C., introduced a bill in the state legislature that would protect citizens from "Yankee bees," said they escape occasionally from out-of-state trucks and attack his constituents in swarms.

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REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT - In Indianapolis, 19-year-old Cecil Lee Brown circulated an open letter in the Indiana General Assembly suggesting a youth council to help keep teen-agers out of trouble, concluded with the observation that "the juvenile delinquent of today is the Senator or Representative of tomorrow."

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OFF AGAIN, ON AGAIN - In mid-Atlantic, Francis Schemp, chief officer of the S.S. John Lykes, a freighter, was washed over the side by one 50-ft. wave, swept back on board by the next.

JANNIE'S CORNER

Hi there! I'm back again.

Mr. Werntz is the head man at The Seeing Eye. He is a Very Important Person.

One day there was some sort of meeting at the Foundation and Mr. Werntz came. He remembered me!

The Boss asked him to take a walk with us at lunch time to see how we did. He kept behind us for a long time. We crossed lots of streets, turned lots of corners, and went to new blocks. I took the Boss around some big boxes on the sidewalk and around big bunches of people. There were lots of cars and trucks and I had to watch all of them.

I only sniffed a couple of times and talked to one little dog. But the Boss scolded me! Mr. Werntz said I stopped nicely when she told me to.

We came back to the Foundation and there were lots more cars and trucks that made a lot of noise. They made the ground shake. I took the Boss to the door and we waited for Mr. Werntz.

He smiled at me and said, "That was good work, Jannie. I see you're a Big City girl now." I was pleased and danced a little to show I liked that. The Boss was pleased too.

Mr. Werntz is a Very Important Person!

Goodbye!

Jannie Dinsmore

Note: Mr. George Werntz, Jr. is the man who said to me during the last interview before I left The Seeing Eye, "In your busy days ahead, remember to keep a corner for Jannie."

ABD

SPORTS SHOTS

Baseballmen have analyzed the most promising teams, in the order they expect them to finish. Yankees: Deep and strong again, the champions have no "phenoms" and seem to need none. Tigers: Young pitchers Frank Lary, Billy Hoeft, and Jim Bunning all now have twenty-victory seasons behind them. Two skilled veteran relief pitchers, Don Mossi and Ray Narleski, make this an imposing staff; and they have fair hitting power down the line. In the National League, the Braves: With such hitters as Hank Aaron and Wes Covington, such pitchers as Warren Spahn and Lew Burdette, the Braves are again very much the team to beat. Pirates: The back miseries of first baseman Ted Kluszewski appear to have healed and the 240-pound "Guided Muscle" is again overwhelming the pitchers with terrific power. Confident and improving, the youthful Pirates have good pitching and excellent speed. Reds: With sluggers Frank Robinson, Frank Thomas, Gus Bell, and a "phenom" named Vada Pinson, the Redlegs loom as the best slugging bunch in the league...The Cardinals traded Sam Jones, the major Leagues' strikeout king in 1958, and rookie pitcher Don Choate to the Giants for outfielder-first baseman Bill White and third baseman Ray Jablonski. ..Red Schoendienst, Milwaukee's star second baseman, left a tuberculosis hospital with the hope of resuming his career. The courageous Schoendy underwent surgery last February 19 for the removal of his infected right lung...The Indians signed Gene Leek, star Arizona U. third baseman, for a reported $80,000. The 21-year-old, 6-ft., 185-pound slugger, who was sought by several major league clubs, batted a cool .460 for Arizona U...Howard Ehmke, 64, who, as Connie Mack's surprise starter in the opening game of the 1929 World Series between the Philadelphia Athletics and Chicago Cubs, struck out thirteen batters (a record that stood until 1953), died...Wally Pipp, the old first baseman was asked to comment on the Babe Ruth magazine article recently written by Mrs. Ruth. Said the ex-Yank: "It's the things they can't tell about the Babe which would make interesting reading."

MARGINALIA

Paul Verner, East Berlin's Communist leader, threatened to call up 50,000 machinegun-carrying militiamen if trouble breaks out in Berlin. He said in a warning to Mayor Willy Brandt of West Berlin that "our fighting groups have not been trained for nothing."...Fighting broke out in Lhasa, Tibet's capital, between freedom fighters and Red Chinese occupation forces, a listening post on the India-Tibet border reported. Intelligence reports received by National China stated that Lhasa was in a state of war...French Communists, who lost 1,500,000 votes in last November's parliamentary elections, regained at least two thirds of them in nationwide municipal elections. Officials conceded that the Reds had made a significant comeback...Scientists at the Lincoln Laboratory Project in Westford, Mass., have bounced a radar message 100 times farther into space than ever before by reaching the planet Venus and back to earth--56 million miles. It was the first time direct measurements of interplanetary distances had ever been obtained with great accuracy...Vittorio Mussolini, 42, son of Benito Mussolini, was acquitted by a military court in Florence, Italy, of having deserted the Italian Air Force during World War II. He said he would return to Argentina, where he has been living for the past eleven years. ..The pilot of the American Airlines Electra turboprop plane that crashed in the East River last February 3, killing 65, was certified to make instrument landings after logging only 12 hours and 32 minutes flying time in the new plane, an inquiry revealed. Capt. Albert H. DeWitt, 59, who was killed in the crash, also failed his first test on the Electra Dec. 16, 1958, the day before he was certified...Brig. Gen. Dionisio Ojeda of the Philippine Army announced in Manila he will make a reconnaissance flight over Lubang, a tiny island, in an effort to convince two Japanese soldiers there that World War II is over...Mrs. G., 27, of New York City, a mother of two small children

and a former Wac whose husband is unemployed, accused a New York City Welfare Investigator of cutting off her family's relief checks "because I wouldn't get friendly with him and I wouldn't let him bring drinks to my house."... French warplanes scattered thousands of "surrender" leaflets over Eastern Algeria in an all-out psychological offensive against the Algerian rebels. The French high command believes rebel morale is cracking and they hope to set off a wave of Algerian defections...Timothy and Jeremy Thackeray, two of triplets born ten months ago, were the first successful siamese twins joined at the head to be separated. In a nine-a-half hour operation at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London, surgeons accomplished this unexampled success, although the infants remained in critical condition...Spiller Thomas, 65, a Negro veteran of World War I of Plaquemine, La., filed a $107,283 damage suit against the State of Louisiana for being mistakenly held in a mental asylum for 15 years. After being charged with burglary in 1941, he was sent to a state hospital for the criminally insane, and although he was subsequently judged sane on two occasions, word of his condition never was relayed to the courts...For the first time in its history, the official Vatican City directory fails to record the name of an Orsini prince--a personal throne attendant to the Pope. The last Orsini, Filippo, was dropped last year after a scandalous romance with actress Belinda Lee in which both attempted suicide unsuccessfully...Neil McElroy said he would resign as Secretary of Defense this year and rejoin Procter and Gamble. His reason was that Mrs. McElroy, who has not been well, is eager to return to the quieter life of Cincinnati...Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan, 54, of Ventura, Calif., was convicted of hiring two killers who murdered her son's expectant wife for a down payment of $175. A jury of eight women and four men returned a verdict of first-degree murder after deliberating 4 hours and 54 minutes to end a 20-day trial. ..Officials at Catania Volcanology Institute in Sicily were keeping a close

watch on Mount Etna for any signs of an approaching major eruption. The volcano, Europe's tallest and most active, came to life last month with a mild eruption that shot smoke, ashes and pebbles into the air...Two armed bandits, one waring a nylon stocking mask and a false nose, the other a spurious mustache and posing as delivery men, gained access to the rectory of St. Antoninus Church in Newark, N.J.,held three priests and three other persons at bay for more than 15 minutes and escaped with $1,500...Sarah Churchill, 44, daughter of Sir Winston Churchill, was dragged into court by four Liverpool police on drunk and disorderly conduct charges. The temperamental actress' troubles began when she refused to pay a 40-cent cab fare in Liverpool, where she was appearing in Peter Pan...Twenty-one boys, 14 to 17, died behind locked doors in a fire that razed the dormitory of the Arkansas Negro Boys Industrial School, a reformatory, twelve miles south of Little Rock. Forty-seven others escaped through windows from which they kicked heavy metal "escape-proof" screens...Painter Salvador Dali is planning to publish a "voluminous" monthly magazine called 'Rhinoceros,' in French, English and Spanish, to be edited by a committee of authors, artists, mathematicians and philosophers from both sides of the Iron Curtain. Like his paintings, "every article will be fantastic and almost impossible to understand."...After filing suit for divorce from her absent husband, Mrs. June Puckett Van Wie, 73, of Sacramento, Calif., was apprised by the court that her missing husband was the notorious "marrying motorman" of San Francisco, 17 times wed Francis Van Wie, 72...Mrs. Elizabeth Arden Graham, cosmetics magnate, had part of her index finger bitten off by one of her famed race horses while she was petting him in his barn at the Santa Anita racetrack...Spry Nettie Marrest of Houston, Texas, took it easy after celebrating her 100th birthday with a big dinner and a demonstration of the bunny hop. "I have quite a few boy friends," she said, adding with a sly smile, "you know, even at 100 it still thrills me to hold hands."

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

Sometimes we can be too literal-minded and put too much faith in the claims of manufacturers. When my niece, Anne, was ten years old, the optician, who was straightening her glasses, dropped them on the hard glass surface of the table to show that they were unbreakable--a special new type of lens. The next day when Anne rode her bicycle down the road to visit a friend, she dropped the glasses accidentally out of her pocket. Her mother helped her search for them and they found them unbroken on the paved road. Anne's mother pointed out the advantage of having these new glasses but suggested that Anne keep them on rather than in her pocket.

A half hour later Anne telephoned from the neighbor's house, frightened and weeping, to say that the glasses were broken. It seems that she had boasted about her remarkable glasses and the children had decided to test them out. They had dropped them on the concrete garage floor and had taken turns jumping on them.

There are few products that can stand up under such drastic testing although most of us perhaps have been tempted from time to time to make similar experiments. However, if a commercial product lives up to ninety percent of the claims made for it, we have little cause for complaint. If everything lasted indefinitely, American industry would fall apart!

By the time TAG reaches you this month Jannie and I will again be "in orbit." That seems a good description for some of our hurried trips. This time we shall have a succession of one-night stands--Salt Lake City, Boise, Portland, Vancouver, Salem, Sacramento, Oakland, and points south.

We hope to straighten out a few tangles, make new contacts, and see some old friends between jumps.

After three and one-half weeks, we shall be back--breathless--just in time

to tell you about the experience in the April TAG.

In the meantime a few spring flowers will begin to poke their noses out of the ground and the Easter bunny will come hopping along. The sun will stay out longer each day to warm out hearts and brighten our spirits.

Happy Easter!

Annette Dinsmore

NEWS DIGEST

Things were a little dull at Miami's Fire Station No. 2 last December, and two of the boys--Joe Farrell and Jim Conway by name--whiled away the time writing a song on a beat-up stationhouse piano. They called it "Tomboy," painted the words and music on a 3-by 5-foot sheet of plywood and talked the post office into accepting it as a postcard. Off it went to Perry Como in New York City--a $12 investment, including the cost of postage. Then the impossible happened. The stunt of the giant postcard appealed to Como, and he featured "Tomboy" on his Jan. 10 TV show. Response was so terrific that he recorded the song for RCA Victor and sang it again on television. Last month, the brash and bouncy "Tomboy"--sung against a background of the prevailing cha-cha beat, incidentally--was well on its way to becoming a hit. Disk jockeys were giving the one-week-old recording a big ride, and RCA cheerfully predicted it would provide another million-selling record for Como. For his part, the quiet man had only one worry. "I hope," Como said warily, "that this won't start an avalanche of plywood."

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At first the distress calls came over the air with chilling clarity: "Collision with iceberg...Engine room filling with water...Slowly sinking." The signals grew weaker, finally failed. That was the beginning of the greatest sea hunt since the German training windjammer Pamir went down off the Azores in September 1957 with a crew of 80. The search centered on the forbidding, ice-mottled waters off the southern tip of glacier-bound Greenland, Denmark's Arctic island. Missing and presumed lost was the brand-new Danish ship Hans Hedtoft with 40 crewmen and 55 passengers (including nineteen women, six children). Like the "unsinkable" Titanic, the Hedtoft met the iceberg on its maiden cruise. Capt. P.L. Rasmussen, at 58 a veteran of more than 30 years in hazardous Greenland waters, had been an obvious choice for the Hedtoft's helm when she was christened a few weeks ago. And the Hans Hedtoft was an Arctic

sailor's dream ship: Double hull, armored prow and stern, seven watertight compartments, the latest electronic gadgets, and the most modern lifesaving gear. It had been commissioned to keep open the sea route to Greenland year-round. All went well on the outbound voyage. But en route home again with a cargo of Greenland fish, the "impossible" happened, 40 miles of raging sea south of Cape Farewell. Disaster struck shortly before noon in a storm of blinding snow. American and Canadian Air Force planes and ships from Greenland searched the seas. But foul weather limited their vision. The towering waves and scattered ice befuddled their radar. More than 700 passengers of the Titanic, the last ship to be sunk by an iceberg in peacetime, lived to tell the tale of their dreadful ordeal. But sea rescue experts gave anyone tossed in the icy Atlantic waters off Greenland only a matter of minutes to live.

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When word reached 14-year-old James A. Johnson, Jr., that he was the first Negro appointed a page in the U.S. House of Representative, the boy and his family knelt in the living room of their modest home on Chicago's South Side and thanked God. Then James and his mother flew to Washington for fulfillment of a dream born four years before when the young honor student visited the Capitol and looked with awe and envy on the blue-suited youngsters who ran errands for Congress. Associating with celebrities appealed to him. So did the $1,800-per-session salary. But most of all he wanted to pursue his education at the fine Capitol Page School. The jubilant youth and his mother, a Cook County welfare worker, were met at Washington National Airport by his beaming aunt, Miss Ethel Payne, a capital employe of the AFL-CIO, who had arranged his appointment by Chicago's Democratic Rep. Barratt O'Hara. Their smiles soon faded. It was all a cruel mistake. Under the false impression that Representative O'Hara was sponsoring the same boy as Rep. Thomas J. O'Brien, another Illinois Democrat, the House patronage committee had told O'Hara's office "your boy has been OK'd." O'Brien ranks O'Hara, twelve terms to five.

The job went to his protege, who is white. There were no more vacancies. The error was an honest one, but coming at a time when the nation was in the throes of desegregation it had inevitable repercussions.

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Few cities in the world have a more lopsided population than Washington, D.C., where unmarried women outnumber unmarried men by about 50,000. As many a lonely G-(for Government) Girl has found to her sorrow, in the nation's capital, even more than in other cities, a good man is hard to find. Last month, thousands of these unsquired and undated stenographers, typists, secretaries, and file clerks were downright provoked with the staid Washington International Center. They felt that it had shot down Dan Cupid himself. The center, run by the American Council on Education under government contract, is supposed to acquaint foreign visitors and temporary residents with American customs, including the delicate business of boy meets girl. In a 25-page booklet, it offered this stern advice to male visitors from abroad: Don't give a woman a gift after a date. All she really expects is a polite thank you. Don't mistake the freedom enjoyed by American women for license. Women are offended, not flattered, by comments from perfect strangers. If you're lost, ask directions from a man not a woman. Women want to be friends; they don't really want to be involved in romance.

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The letter began: "You may never read this...but if you do, I will have been dead six months or more...On Jan 8, 1952, I wrote a codicil to my original will...and never put it in my bank box. Tell no one of the contents of this letter...You will find the codicil in this way...Proceed to my home with John Emerson. There is an artificial well in what Annie used to call the old garden. Look in between the bricks on the southwest side of this well. There you should find the codicil..." Ed Gardner of Graves County, Ky., died last June, at the age of 88. Gardner died childless. His wife, Annie, had died several years before. Gardner's will--disposing of an estate estimated at upwards of $12 million--established a memorial to his wife, which was to be called the Annie

Gardner Foundation, and it directed that the entire income of the foundation be used to "alleviate suffering and help education among the poor of Graves County." And then, on Jan. 4 this year, an old family friend of the Gardners, C.C. Wyatt, Jr., opened the mailbox in front of his Mayfield home and took out the letter--the letter from a man more than six months dead. The only clue to where it came from was in the letter itself. It would be mailed after his death, Gardner wrote, "by a disinterested nationwide agency." As the letter directed, Wyatt got in touch with John Emerson (the family chauffeur for 29 years) and two more witnesses, and all four went to the "artificial well in what Annie used to call the old garden." There they found the codicil--and the codicil made major changes in the provisions of the will itself. It directed that Gardner's brother, 83-year-old Bunk Gardner, Sr., be paid an income of $25,000 a year for ten years after Ed Gardner's death. It left 51 per cent of all Ed Gardner's securities to Bunk's son, Bunk Gardner, Jr. Thus, under the codicil, the bulk of the estate would go to Ed Gardner's nephew; the Annie Gardner Foundation for the poor would get only the balance of his fortune. Assuming that both the letter and the codicil were genuine, why on earth had Ed Gardner arranged for the letter to be delayed in delivery for more than six months after his death? And even if he hadn't been able to put the codicil in his "bank box," why on earth had he hidden it in a well? Everyone in Graves County had long known that Ed Gardner was eccentric, but how eccentric can a man get?

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The laughter of his guests had suddenly died away, and Boris Pasternak sat disconsolately at his own 69th birthday party listening to the angry words of his wife. "How many times have I told you not to trust journalists?" she shrilled. "They are only exploiting you for personal gain. If this continues, I'll leave you." Sadly the old poet murmured, "I promise you, Zinochka"--but nothing could change the fact that just as the ugly furor over Doctor Zhivago and the Nobel Prize seemed to be fading away, something new had happened to stir things

up again. Pasternak insisted that he had given Anthony Brown of the London Daily Mail a batch of poems, all in longhand, to be delivered to a friend, Jacqueline de Proyart, curator of the Tolstoy Museum in Paris. Now he learned that Brown had taken it upon himself to publish in the Daily Mail a poem bearing the title Nobel Prize. The poem, said Pasternak, was written "in a black, pessimistic mood that has now passed." The very fact that Brown had plucked it out from all the others, "shows what motivated the young man," the old man went on indignantly. Whether or not, as the Daily Mail insisted, Pasternak had known that his words would be published, the poem carried its own unmistakable message:

I am lost like a beast in an enclosure;
Somewhere are people, freedom, and light.
Behind me is the noise of pursuit,
And there is no way out.

Dark forest by the shore of the pond,
The trunk of a fallen fir tree
Cuts off my way.
It is all the same to me, come what may.

What offense have I committed?
Am I a murderer or a villain?
I who forced the whole world to weep
Over the beauty of my land.

Now almost in my coffin,
I believe the time will come
When the spirit of good will conquer
Wickedness and infamy.

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In its purely literal sense, the word "subliminal" simply means "under the threshold." It could apply, for instance, to a welcome mat. But in a psychological sense, it has come to mean the subconscious, i.e., under the threshold of consciousness. Just recently it has come to mean an experimental kind of advertising that would appeal to the customer's subconscious, specifically by flashing a trade name or slogan on movie or TV screens so quickly that the person wouldn't even be aware of it. Last month a bill was introduced in Congress that would pull the welcome mat right out from under subliminal advertising. Instead, Democratic Rep. Jim Wright of Texas, a former adman himself,

proposed to nail a sign across the threshold of the American subconscious: No peddlers. The measure put forward by Wright would ban any device "designed to advertise a product or to indoctrinate the public by means of making an impression on the subconscious mind where the public would be unaware that they were being so indoctrinated." The penalty for infractions: Revocation of an offender's license, a $5,000 fine, and five years on the other side of a threshold with iron bars.

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Across the grim gray wastes of the Atlantic in 1940-41, Britain fought for her life against the menace of the U-boat--a menace so grave that Winston Churchill called it "the only thing that ever really frightened me during the war." Some 4.5 million gross tons of allied merchant shipping went to the bottom in two years. British intelligence estimated that the Nazis were operating at least 100 subs. But, last month, writing in a London prepublication serialization of his forthcoming book Ten Years and Twenty Days, Germany's wartime sub boss, Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, set the record straight. Doenitz said that Germany had actually launched the battle of the Atlantic with only 22 oceangoing subs. So weak was the force at first, he said, it could "achieve little more than a few pinpricks." By contrast, the Soviet Union today has more than 500 submarines ready for action, most of them oceangoing vessels.

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Three words breathed by an obscure Egyptian named Gamal Saleeb stirred visions of a new quickie divorce playground along the Nile. The words: "I divorce thee," traditional phrase used by Moslem husbands to shed their spouses. What made Gamal's utterance notable was the fact that he is a Christian--the first, reported the Cairo daily Al Akhbar, ever granted a divorce by a Moslem judge. The judge ruled that since Gamal and his wife were of different religious beliefs, he a Coptic Christian, she a Roman Catholic, their case should be heard according to the Koranic law of the land. If the decision turns Egypt into a Mideastern Reno, it will be an all male preserve: By Koranic law only a husband can utter those three magic words.

TRIVIA

OVEREXPOSURE - A woman in Philadelphia filled out a job application at SKF Industries, Inc., noted that she had previously worked for a nudist camp, wrote "change of scenery" as her reason for leaving the job.

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CLERICAL ERROR - A group of ministers in Phoenix, Ariz., collected money among themselves for a gift in recognition of the dedicated service of Mrs. Faith North, decided on perfume, gave her a bottle of My Sin.

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Wolverine - In Ann Arbor, University of Michigan coeds went on a food strike, listed eleven complaints--ten charging greasy food, unpopular dishes, bad cooking, etc., the eleventh complaining because there were no second helpings.

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JUSTICE OF THE FLEECE - Prisoners in Kampala, Uganda, awaiting trial started an anticorruption drive, said they would not stand trial "until the judges stop demanding bribes from us."

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DRUM SONG - W.F. Walford of Port Washington, Wis., filing a $600 claim against Osaukee County, said that he had to buy a hearing aid after a highway cop pulled alongside and deafened him with a siren.

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ECONOMIST - In London, convicted of shoplifting, Archibald Parfitt asked the magistrate for "all possible leniency," explained: "There is an upward trend in the nation's prosperity, and I wish to share in it."

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99 44 PROOF - In Fairforest, S. C., Hoyle Ridings was caught sitting naked in a tubful of whisky that was gurgling down the drain, told the cops he knew nothing

about any liquor, was only taking a bath.

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ICE FOLLIES - Near St. Catharines, Ont., wearing boots and skates, 44 members of a nudist colony went skating.

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DRAINBOW- Roy E. Webb of Cranbrook, B.C., went to find out why his toilet tank would not fill with water, found a 6-in. trout wrapped around the valve.

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HOODONYM - In Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, Henry Holland went to jail after he told a court that he had lived in 31 hotels without paying a bill, stole from five of them, always registered as "Mr. Crook."

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YANGTZE, GO HOME - From Portland, Ore., the Kubla Khan Food Co. ships frozen chow mein, chop suey and fried rice to Fitzpatrick's Ltd. of Singapore.

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SHELL-SHOCKED? - In Paris, Claude Figus was arrested for trying to fry eggs on the flame that burns at the tomb of France's Unknown Soldier.

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BLEND LUCK - A uniformed Salvation Army worker in Memphis stepped into a drugstore, ordered a cup of coffee-to-go, and was standing in line waiting to pay for it when a nearsighted customer dropped a quarter into the brew.

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QUEER CONSCIENCE - In Duluth, after two teen-agers were chased down by cops for speeding and running a red light, they explained that they were headed for the library with an overdue book.

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SOMETHING BORROWED - In Hutchinson, Kans., a marriage license was refused B.B. Archer when he could not remeber his finacee's first name.

JANNIE'S CORNER

Hi there! Here I am again.

There is a game I made up myself. I roll a ball under things and then I squeeze down to get it out. Sometimes I have to squeeze sideways and paw it out, and sometimes I can get my head under and take it in my mouth.

When the ball gets behind the couch, the Boss has to move the couch so I can get it. It is fun to have her move the couch and I do put the ball back there just to see her do it.

Another part of the game is when I push the ball under the bed and then run around to the other side to catch it. Then I push the other way and I can keep running around the bed. If the ball stops under the middle of bed, I have to crawl way under to get it.

I can play other games with the ball. I can bounce it and throw it in the air. I can catch it almost every time.

When we go out the Boss won't let me take the ball. She says it's not the time to play, it's time to work. But the ball waits till I get home.

I like to shake hands with everybody. I give one paw and then I give the other. The Boss says I must stop shaking hands so much because I make marks on people's clothes. I guess my paws are dirty.

I do like to shake hands!

Goodbye!

Jannie Dinsmore

SPORTS SHOTS

Napoleon Lajoie, 38, baseball's most legendary second baseman, member of the Hall of Fame, whose 1901 batting average--.422--has never been equaled in the American League (and has since been topped only by Second Baseman Roger Hornsby of the St. Louis Cardinals, who hit.424 in 1924), died in Dayton Beach, Fla...Whitey Lockman, 32-year-old utility man, after 14 years with the Giants was sold to Baltimore for an undisclosed sum...Willie Hoppe--the greatest name in the world of billiards--who won 51 world championships over a period of 47 years, died at 71...For political reasons, the unbeaten U.S.S.R. team refused to play Nationalist China at the world basketball championships in Santiago, Chile, thereby forfeited its claim to the title. Brazil was declared champion, with a second-rate U.S. Air Force team runner-up...Lightweight Champion Joe Brown retained his title by getting a unanimous decision over challenger Johnny Busso...In Boston, Air Force Lieut. Bill Dellinger, 25, won the two-mile run in 8 min. 49.9 sec.--a new world indoor record...At the Inquirer meet in Philadelphia, Don Bragg, 23-year-old Army private, vaulted 15 ft. 9½ in. to break the 16-year-old world indoor record...Sylvia Ruuska, 16, of Berkeley, Calif., won the women's Australian 220-yard medley championship in the world record time of 2 minutes 40.3 sec. in a 55-yard fresh-water pool...For the third straight year, World Champions David Jenkins, 22, and Carol Heiss, 19, won the national senior figure skating championships at Rochester, N.Y...Dale Hall, 34, for the past three seasons Army's defensive backfield coach, was named head football coach of West Point...Bug Brush, a four-year-old filly, won the $58,100 San Antonio Handicap at California's Santa Anita by setting a world record of 1:46 2/5 for a mile and a furlong...At the New York Athletic Club meet in Madison Square Garden, Boston University's High Jumper John Thomas, 17, deprived of a world indoor mark when his 7 ft. jump was not measured correctly a month ago, did it all over again to make his mark official.

MARGINALIA

The Alabama Supreme Court upheld a $100,000 fine against the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, flouting a U.S. Supreme Court contrary ruling. Circuit Judge Walter B. Jones in Montgomery levied the fine against the NAACP in June 1956, for refusal to turn over membership lists and other records...Frank Costello was divested of his citizenship for having concealed his bootlegging activities when he was naturalized in 1[illegible]5. This was part of the government's strategy to deport the 67-year-old "Prime Minister" of crime, who is now serving a five-year term for income tax evasion...The U.S. will send Russia a bill for about $3 million for the Air Force Transport plane shot down in Soviet Armenia last September, officials said. Since World War II U.S. claims of nearly $8 million have been lodged for five U.S. planes shot down by the Soviets, but Russia has paid only $724,947, or half of one claim...Andre Le Troquer, 74, one-armed former National Assembly President and other elderly and prominent Frenchmen were charged with "offenses against public morality," involving under-aged girls...Alger Hiss, 54, left his wife, Priscilla, 55, after 29 years of marriage. The one-time high-ranking State Department official who served a prison sentence for lying about his Communist past, said he could not discuss "my private affairs."...Prime Minister Jawaharial Nehru called for a new approach to the problem of Asia's rising population. India's population at the end of last year was 406,000,000 and was growing at almost 7,000,000 a year, despite government-sponsored birth-control programs...Ten Mussolini-worshiping youths were arrested for parachuting live mice down on a theater audience watching an anti-fascist play in Rome. Women screamed, men shouted as wriggling mice drifted down from the balconies onto the orchestra seats, breaking up the play, "La Romagnola," in panic...Alexander Usov, 39, secretary to Prime Minister Khrushchev, committed suicide. Apparently, he feared Khrushchev would suspect him of being involved in a plot to overthrow the Russian dictator...Thirty-two

suspects were imprisoned and heroin worth $3,660,800 was destroyed when New York police reinforced by federal agents smashed the biggest narcotics ring in the U.S. Said Magistrate Bernard Dubin of Queens (N.Y.) Felony Court: "This will rank as the greatest arrest of its kind ever made in this country."...Margaret Truman Daniel confirmed the rumor that some time next June Elder Statesman Harry Truman should become a grandfather for the second time...Luigi Fucci, 25, of Naples, Italy, a former housemaid who underwent a sex change through surgery a year ago, was married last month to his childhood girl friend, Antonietta Farrari, 18...A 48-story luxury hotel, to be called the Zeckendorf, will be built in New York's Rockefeller Center. The first hotel in New York to be built in 28 years, the Zeckendorf will cost $66 million--$20 million more than the famed Waldorf-Astoria.. .FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover reported that bad check passers are papering the country; that their operations are "assuming proportions of a national pestilence"; that they are bcoming so bold that one check cashed recently turned up with the signature "U.R. Stuck," another was drawn on the "East Bank of the Mississippi."... The Caernarvon Suite at Buckingham Palace, reserved exclusively for VIP's is being readied. The visiting Very Important Person, according to Palace rumors,will be President Eisenhower...Jimmy Bell, 11, fearing his mother would detect a quarter missing from her purse, plunged from a window of his family's 17th-floor apartment in a New York City housing project and survived. Because he landed on his hands in soft dirt, doctors gave him a fair chance to recover...A tobacco report revealed that about 40,000,000 pounds of snuff are being used in the U.S. annually, half by women. Snuff is particularly popular among workers who are not permitted to smoke on the job; others find it an excellent thirst-quencher...New York's Bowery was briefly studded with diamonds when firemen smashed the plate glass window of the House of Diamonds, a jewerly exchange containing $10 million in stones, to get at a fire which swept through the two-story brick building. Firemen, reinforced by sixty police, kept startled passersby from picking diamonds

off the sidewalk...China Reconstructs, a Peiping publication, reported that Chiang Shoa-fang, 22, has developed a plant which grows fat potatoes on its roots below the ground and plump red tomatoes above the ground...American ground forces will have a new machine gun for the first time since World War I. The 23-pound portable weapon is gas-operated and link-belt-fed, with a cyclic rate of fire of 550 rounds a minute...Vincent Astor, multi-millionaire yachtsman, real estate owner and head of the American branch of the famous Astor family, died at 67. His fortune, estimated at $100 million, will go to the Vincent Astor Foundation, which he set up for "the alleviation of human misery."...Cary Grant and Elizabeth Taylor have been chosen as the most popular film stars of 1958 in the twenty-second annual poll conducted by Boxoffice magazine, motion picture industry trade publication...Adm. Arleigh A. Burke, Chief of Naval Operations, told Congress that Russia may already have submarines that can fire ballistic missiles. Burke, testifying behind closed doors, said the possibility of a successful attack on the U.S. with such weapons is "very possible."...American Airlines was sued for $1 million in behalf of 8-year-old Bobby Sullivan, one of eight survivors in the crash near LaGuardia Field, Feb. 4, that killed 65 persons, including Bobby's parents and his two sisters...Police in Rajkot arrested a man for the alleged sacrifice of 14 human beings to the Hindu goddess Kali. Indian authorities said the man hoped the goddess would find him a bride...Singer Paul Robeson won a five-year battle to escape taxation on the $25,000 Stalin Peace Prize he received in 1953. The Negro entertainer claimed that the prize was a gift rather than a compensation for services rendered, and the tax court concurred...Animal trainer Clyde Beatty was clawed by a lion during his Shrine Circus act in Detroit. The world-famous performer completed his act, then went to the hospital for stitching and treatment...Portland Hoffa, widow of the late comedian Fred Allen, was married to advertising executive Joseph Rines, an old friend...Pan American World Airways reached an agreement on a new labor contract with Air Line Pilots Assn., by raising pilots' pay to as much as $33,000 per year for 85 hours' flying time a month. 15

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

February has more special dates than any other month. It has two famous birthdays--Washington's and Lincoln's, as well as Valentine's Day, and Groundhog Day. This is the one time that lowly animal takes his place in the sun--or shade, as the case may be. Nevertheless, February has always been shortchanged on days.

There are mathematical reasons for cutting February off by two to three days, but some people feel that such treatment is unfair and shows prejudice. Obviously the students at Yale hold this viewpoint, because in setting up the copy for their 1959 calendar last fall the boys gave February its full share--31 days. Twenty-six hundred attractive calendars were printed showing this new generosity toward our second month, and by Christmas sixteen hundred had been sold throughout the country. At this point some unimaginative, narrow-minded person spotted the change and the remaining thousand calendars were grounded. It seems we cannot get out of the rut--science wins!

Early in January Jannie and I flew out to Topeka to attend a meeting of representatives from various state agencies concerned with children. The meeting was called to consider the needs of the deaf-blind youngsters in Kansas, to make plans for their future growth and education, and to plot ways and means of getting the necessary money from the present legislature.

The meeting was held in the State Office Building on the capitol grounds just at the time when Governor Docking was being inaugurated for his second term. Excitement ran high, but the sounds did not penetrate the heavy glass walls of the new office building. However, when I took Jannie out for a brief airing, we were greeted with the nineteen-gun salute to the governor. Jannie whirled around in a split second and we reentered the building with much more speed than we had left it. I felt thankful that we were on the sidelines, with

no obligation to stay put during all that commotion.

It goes without saying that a visit to Topeka included a call on Breta Cornelius and Ruth. Jannie was introduced to both of them, as well as to a number of relatives and friends. She basked in the warmth of their admiration and responded to their friendly greetings with self-conscious wiggles and surreptitious kisses. Even though I insisted that she lie down at my feet, she held the center of the stage most of the evening. Because of the confusion, I talked to Breta in a very clumsy way, touching all the wrong fingers on her alphabet glove. My conversation must have had some of the characteristics of a strange language. It was amusing to all of us, but we had a good visit and the time was far too short.

We were lucky to hit Kansas during a period of mild weather. Before and since, Old Man Winter has been running rampant there, as he has in many other parts of the country. Hope is now in sight and we know it can't last much longer. It brings to mind the last lines of Shelley's poem, Ode to the West Wind:

"O, wind,
If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?"

Annette Dinsmore

NEWS DIGEST

On Capitol Hill, a unique building boom is going on at full swing. Four major landmarks are rising, or changing shape, on the Washington scene. Most nearly complete is the Taft Memorial, built in memory of the late Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, at a cost of $1 million in private donations. When the 86th Congress convened last month, a 27-bell carillon at the top of the graceful 110-foot tower rang out for the first time in honor of the occasion. Most controversial of the new projects is the face-lifting of the historic Capitol building itself. The central part of the Capitol's east facade is being extended forward 32.5 feet at a cost of roughly $17 million, over the opposition of traditionalists. The extension will add 73 new offices and committee rooms; two new dining rooms; two cafeterias; two hearing rooms, and room for storage and elevators. Meanwhile, a gleaming marble building designed to supplement the present Senate Office Building is nearing completion at a cost of $25.5 million. The new Senate Office Building will be home to 42 senior senators and their staffs, and will include a 500-seat auditorium. Finally, the foundation is being laid for a third House Office Building to cost some $64 million. It will provide 170 representatives with three-room office suites, and will include a 1,800-car garage.

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More than three centuries before Columbus discovered America, King Louis the Fat chose a meadow on the outskirts of Paris as The King's Market. "Modernized" in 1183 by the covered halls that gave it a new name, Les Halles provided the stage for many a drama--King Henry IV was assassinated there, and Mme. Du Barry worked as an errand girl (before she met Louis XV). But the earthiest drama is the gargantuan feeding of what Emile Zola called "the belly of Paris." Every night, fleets of trucks bring beef, beans, and bedlam to Les Halles. Amid the reek of ripe Roquefort and fish, more than 40,000 retailers shop among mountains of lettuce and oysters. In market bistros, blue-frocked workers mingle

with after-theater slumming parties sipping onion soup. By morning, 6,000 tons of food have passed through the market--in one of the world's most wasteful boondoggles. Last month, Gen. Charles de Gaulle took action to end that boondoggle. His decree authorized the incoming regime to close Les Halles, disperse the Paris wholesalers to the suburbs, and establish provincial markets. Reform was long overdue. Despite its glamour for tourists, the market's lack of storage and sanitation means that about one-quarter of its daily intake goes bad during the summer (and France has to import 20 per cent of its fruits and vegetables). The downtown location, 2 miles from rail stations, means that shipping charges are doubled by trucking fees. Armies of middlemen take their financial bite out of every potato. And the bottleneck affects one-quarter of France--for the food that can not be sold at Les Halles is shipped out again, battered and marked up in price, sometimes to the same province it came from. One housewife who bought a cabbage for 80 francs (16 cents) found a note inside from the farmer: "I sold this for 8 francs. How much did you pay?" For 50 years, city planners have talked about reforms, but de Gaulle was the first to start carrying them out.

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Marie Torre, a pretty, 34-year-old brunnette whose column of TV chitchat appears in the New York Herald Tribune and 49 other U.S. newspapers, went to jail in New York for ten days. The charge: Contempt of court. In her column two years ago, Miss Torre had quoted "A CBS executive" as saying that singer Judy Garland was "terribly fat" and "known for a highly developed inferiority complex." Miss Garland sued the network for libel, asking $1,393,333. When a U.S. District Court ordered Miss Torre to identify the CBS man, she refused, claiming a reporter's right to protect her news source. Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan sentenced her to ten days in jail. The Herald Tribune appealed the sentence, but an appellate court upheld the ruling, and the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review the case. When Miss Torre continued to balk at disclosing her source, Judge Ryan ordered her committed to jail. Miss Torre could still have purged herself of

contempt by telling who her CBS source was, but she told newsmen she was resigned to the jail term "now that the thing has gone this far." Though the case grew out of a bit of TV gossip, there were newsmen who feared the judicial ruling might hamper reporters dealing with far more serious matters. As Miss Torre headed for jail--leaving her column in the hands of such guest writers as Jackie Gleason, Arthur Godrey, and Desi Arnaz--she received widespread editorial support.

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Of all the Soviet writers who danced to Stalin's tune, none threw himself into wilder leaps than Ilya Ehrenburg. At the height of the cold war, the ranking Red novelist thundered dire threats in Pravda that Winston Churchill, Dean Acheson, and Gen. Douglas MacArthur would all one day be tried as war criminals. American "warmongers," he cried, "defend race equality by pouring benzine over Negroes...They assert the principles of freedom by crawling under the beds of Hollywood actresses." Yet Ehrenburg, who won two Stalin prizes and pots of rubles for his vitriolic work, had visited the U.S in 1946 and knew there was more to it than "drugstores, gangster films, advertisements of church services." And although he had groveled before Stalin as "this great, farseeing, and just man," he rushed into print after the dictator's death with the mildly critical novel that summed up the post-Stalin era as "The Thaw." Last month, the tricky tightrope artist startled readers of the Moscow newspaper Sovietskaya Rossiya with an outburst of praise for the U.S. and its ways. "Many people here, when talking about the Americans, remember only rock 'n' roll and chewing gum," he wrote. "But can one neglect...the extremely brilliant literature...? Can one avoid paying tribute to the great American scientists...? Can one forget the wonderful museums, laboratories, libraries in many American cities?" Instead of just criticizing Americans, said the former critic, Russians "should learn from the Americans how to work." Ehrenburg even hailed "outstanding cases of self-sacrifice." Acknowledging that the U.S took up the arms race because it feared attack, he observed that Americans "may fight and argue sometimes when they drink a little,

but they are not militant or warlike. We can expect much of the American people ..." Ehrenburg predicted with a patronizing flourish. "Peaceful cooperation with these people will make all the Soviet people happy." The Russian's year-end summary: The cold war is still thawing, and the prospect is fair and warmer. Westerners could only hope Ehrenburg was right. But of one thing they were sure--he was still echoing the Kremlin line.

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In cases ranging from oranges to shotguns, the Supreme Court last month laid down the law in answer to two topical questions: What is "Harmless?" Where the gap between day and night temperatures is wide enough, oranges turn orange as they ripen on the trees. But Florida nights average so warm that oranges often remain green even when fully ripe. Since U.S. housewives want orange oranges, the Florida orange industry turns green oranges yellow by exposing them to ethylene gas, then colors them orange with a coal-tar dye called Red 32. In 1955, after testing Red 32 on animals and finding it highly poisonous, the federal Health, Education and Welfare Department took it off the list of "certified" colors. Under orders to stop using Red 32 by next March 1, Florida orangemen pleaded that the stuff had not been proved to be harmful in the minute quantities that might enter an orange eater's system. Overruling the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, the Supreme Court held that in the coal-tar provisions of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act of 1938, "harmless" plainly means absolutely harmless, and that therefore, Red 32 "is not to be used at all." Unless Congress amends the law, Florida orangemen are going to have to convince housewives that yellow oranges can be just as good as orange oranges.

What is "Assault?" In 1944 a Mississippi moonshiner named Lovander Ladner ambushed two federal revenuers, wounding both with one shotgun blast--or maybe more than one. Convicted of two violations of a federal law prohibiting "assault" on federal officers, Ladner was sentenced to two ten-year prison terms. After serving one term, he appealed on the ground that he had fired only one shot and

was therefore guilty of only one "assault." Overruling lower courts, the Supreme Court found the plea valid. Noting that the same law makes it an offense to "impede" a federal officer, the court asked: If a man locked a door to keep out several federal officers, would he "commit as many crimes as there are officers?" Obviously not, as the majority saw it. Dissenting Justice Tom Clark argued that the majority decision made assaults on federal officers "just as cheap by the dozen." Still to be decided by lower courts: Did Ladner fire only one shot?

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I asked the Duke where he wanted the bed. He chuckled: "You don't think I'm going to sleep in this, do you?" He pointed to the Queen's room, and said: "That's where I sleep." --The Queen sleeps in a huge Victorian bed which is 7 ft. 6 in. wide. Her mattress is old and tightly packed with horsehair. --The Queen never bought anything new if something old could be repaired. --For years, as Princess Elizabeth, she never had a bathroom of her own. When a bath was installed for her, the bath was so pokey that she had to climb into it from the back. These boudoir details appeared last month in London's lip-smacking Sunday Pictorial under the byline of William Charles Ellis, 51, boss of a pub in Hertfordshire called the Plough and Dial but, until last November superintendent of the Queen's weekend home, Windsor Castle. His chatter was the latest in a series of tattle tales about royal family life to appear in London's popular press, ranging from the governess' gabble of the 1950 The Little Princesses by Marion Crawford, to the more recent manly sacrifices of Peter Townsend, Princess Margaret's boy friend, as told by his friend, Norman Barrymaine. By last month it was evident that the Queen and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, had had enough. A government official stalked into the Plough and Dial, handed pubkeeper Ellis a royal injunction restraining him from publishing any further details about the royal family. The injunction pointed out that Ellis, on resigning, had allegedly given his word in writing--now required of all palace employ-

ees--that he would not publish any account of any incident or conversation that had come within his knowledge as a result of his royal employment. Even Fleet Street reporters for Britain's brashest tabloids considered the Ellis articles to be "a bit near the bone."

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Will man's conquest of outer space speed the destruction of human life? Probably, predicted Britain's Nobel Prize-winning philosopher, Bertrand Russell, who served a World War I jail term for pacifism and now spearheads the British left-wing campaign for atomic disarmament. In a new book published last month, "Common Sense and Nuclear Warfare," the 86-year-old Russell argued that both East and West planned "to defile the heavens by the petty squabbles of the animated lumps that disgrace a certain planet...There may be a war, as a result of which all or nearly all will perish. If there is not war, there may be assaults on heavenly bodies and it may well happen that means will be found to cause them to disintegrate...The moom may split and crumble and melt. Hate and destructiveness, having become cosmic, will spread madness beyond its present terrestrial confines. ..I hope, though with much doubt, that some gleams of sanity may yet shine in the minds of statesmen. But the spread of power without wisdom is utterly terrifying." Russell's proposal: A ban on nuclear tests and hostile propaganda, an East-West renunciation of war as an instrument to obtain their aims, a committee to explore means of reconciliation. The committee might consist of two Americans, two Russians, one West European, one Chinese, and two neutrals and, Russell said optimistically, they should produce an agreement covering all the points on which East and West currently conflict. But most free men would disagree with Russell's key argument--that if war or surrender are the only alternatives, the West should surrender.

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TRIVIA

FILTER LUCRE - In Kumanovo, Yugoslavia, Slavko Mitroviski found an imported Greek cigarette on the floor of a movie theater, used half a box of matches in an unsuccessful attempt to light it, unrolled the stubborn fag, found in it a tightly rolled U.S. $1,000 bill.

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GUMSHOD - Curtis E. Thomas of Knoxville, Tenn., arrested for drunken driving, insisted that he had only taken a little whisky for a toothache, paid a $50 fine when the court learned that he had no teeth.

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ALL ANGLES - Police Sergeant Joseph Shorthouse of Derby, England, stood up to give testimony, said: "I swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and anything but the truth.

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PRINTER'S EROS - Divorcee Jane Oliver of Pittsburgh, seeking a housekeeper for her children, placed a classified ad offering "room and board, small salary in exchange for your loving care," was inundated with phone calls after the Press ran the ad under Male Help Wanted.

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BOWLED OVER - Donna Doss, 24, of Denver, paid a $15.50 fine for careless driving because she ate her breakfast while driving to work one morning, had a collision with another car, spilled a bowl of cream of wheat all over her hair, face and clothes.

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ALL THAT LITTERS - John Ginty of Eau Gallie, Fla., who catches stray animals for the city at $2 per dog and $1 per cat, sent in a bill for $11 after a cat he cornered had ten kittens.

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IMPATIENT - Near Brainerd, Minn., state cops chased down a wailing ambulance, told the driver that his passenger had not been put aboard, was 50 miles back.

ODD JOB - In London an industrial accident-claims tribunal heard a claimant's case, ruled that he "is fit for suitable work which does not involve standing, sitting, bending or lying down."

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OCTAVE STRETCH - After completing a four-year prison term for stealing a saxophone, Milton Lee Littleton of Columbus was sent back to the pen for one to 15 years for stealing an alto saxophone.

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HUNG - In Des Moines, Richard S. Carter was excused from jury duty after he drank a can of beer that was introduced as evidence in a trial.

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MAIDEN VOYAGE - Off Formosa, a supply officer on the U.S.S. Midway circulated a memo asking the person who had sent a brassiere to the ship's laundry to claim it.

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PULLOVER - Near Milan, Italy, a nearsighted locomotive engineer stopped his train for half an hour at a grade crossing because he mistook for a stop signal the red sweater of a motorist halted at the crossing waiting for the train to pass.

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CAPTAIN CAUTION - In Cleveland, arrested 13 times in 14 days for speeding (4), passing red lights (2), driving on the wrong side of the street (3), driving against traffic on a one-way street (3), and making an improper turn (1), J.D. Grant confidently told a judge: "Sure, I crash red lights--but I always look both ways."

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FREEWHEELING - Frederick Wilson of London went to a police station to report the theft of his bicycle, then stole a bobby's bicycle and rode home.

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HEATER - Cleburne H. Hitt of Memphis, Tenn., paid a $21 fine after he walked into a restaurant, ordered a cup of coffee, stirred it with the barrel of his pistol.

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JANNIE'S CORNER

Hi there! Here I am again.

Do you like to run? I do.

The Boss thinks she walks fast, but I'd like to go much faster. She tells me "Steady" and we slow down.

Busses and cars go fast. Why can't we go fast, too?

I have a corner in the office by the bookcase. I curl up there a lot of the time, but I like to stretch out in the middle of the room. The Boss says I take up all the space and nobody can move. Then I have to go back to my corner.

Outside our office there is a long floor. You can run and run there very fast.

When people put on their coats to go home, the Boss lets me run. I run and jump and run up and back. Everybody laughs. Sometimes the floor slips and I bump the walls. It is fun!

Then the Boss calls me and I sit down in front of her so she can put on my harness. Then we go home and I walk "steady." I like home.

I do love to run. Don't you?

Goodbye.

Jannie Dinsmore

SPORTS SHOTS

Bob Turley, 28, the 21-game winner and World Series hero of the Yanks, was named the winner of the Sid Mercer Memorial Award as "Player of the Year." He also received the ninth annual Hickok $10,000 diamond-studded belt, honoring him as the professional athlete of the year for 1958...Jack Doyle, 88, who managed the New York Giants in 1895 and the Senators in 1898, died of a heart attack. For the past 28 years, the former catcher and first baseman for many clubs served as a scout for the Cubs...Players of the International League were authorized to "strike" for this season if the clubowners continued to cold-shoulder their request for a pension plan. "No Sign for '59" was the slogan of the 155 players on the eight teams...Johnny McHale, 37, who was the Tigers' general manager for the past three years, was hired as vice-president and general manager of the Braves to fill the vacancy created when John Quinn moved to a similar post with the Phillies.Rick Ferrell, one of baseball's all-time great catchers, was named to succeed McHale...Pee Wee Reese, 37, brilliant Dodger shortstop, closed his long playing career, but will remain with the club as a coach...Gil McDougald, infielder star of the N.Y. Yankees, was named winner of the fourth Lou Gehrig Award...Chicago White Sox may move to Minneapolis or Houston if Bill Veeck's plan goes through...To encourage more college field-goal kicking, the N.C.A.A. rules committee widened the space between the goal posts 4 ft. 10 in. to 23 ft. 4 in., first goal-post width change in football history...Earl (Red) Blaik, 61, who recently vacated the position as head football coach of West Point, will be replaced by one of three former Army stars: Jack Green, Bobby Dobbs or Dale Hall...In North Sydney's Olympic Pool, Australia's 16-year-old Jon Konrads clipped a whopping 13.9 sec. off the world record for the 880-yd. freestyle with a clocking of 8:59.6 to set his seventh world mark...Two U.S. girls, Penny Pitou, 20,and Betsy Snite, 20, won the downhill and combined championships and the giant slalom in Grindelwald, Switzerland.

MARGINALIA

Mme. Sun Yat Sen, 69, pro-Communist widow of the founder of the Chinese Republic and sister-in-law of the Nationalist President Chiang Kai-Shek, may become president of Red China. Reports persisted in the British crown colony of Hong Kong that Mme. Sun would succeed Mao Tze-Tung, who resigned as president but still wields power as head of the Communist Party...A formal court petition to oust James R. Hoffa from the presidency of the Teamsters Union is in preparation and will be submitted to a federal court this month. "Unless Hoffa is ousted and the teamsters-style dictatorship is broken up, creation in this country of a gangster fascism dominated by racketeers is imminent," said Godfrey Schmidt, Fordham University law professor...Swedish surgeons using an "atomic scalpel" reported the first successful human brain operation performed without opening the skull. The patient, a 55-year-old man suffering serious mental depression, recovered so quickly he left the hospital two days later...A London manufacturer put on display a $7,000 bed with built in tea maker, velvet-lined jewel drawer, electric razor and tape recorder. There are separate heating units for each of two mattresses, which can be lowered or raised to permit eating, reading or TV viewing -- and a mink bedspread...Doctors ordered Evangelist Billy Graham, 40, to enter Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., for treatment of a circulatory disturbance in his left eye...Specialist 4th Cl. Cedric E. Nelson, 21, of Alexandria, Minn., was arrested in Yokohama for defiling the Japanese flag. He deliberately set the flag on fire aboard a passenger train in the presence of angry Japanese, who removed him from the train and carted him off to U.S. authorities...The New York Transit Authority announced that it is working on plans to put electronically controlled subway trains--which run without motormen, conductors or other personnel--into operation on its line between Grand Central and Times Square...Mrs. Jean Iavarone, a widow of 43 and mother of eight,

was arrested for the kidnapping of a newborn baby from a Brooklyn hospital. Her motive, according to police, was to dupe her lover so that he would marry her... Moscow radio reported a Soviet astronomer was working on a map of the moon to be used for the first landing of a manned rocket. It is said Prof. Aleksandre Khabarove had put several years' study into the project and that it contained all current knowledge of the moon's relief...A new Protestant version of the New Testament has been completed and will go on sale in two years. A group of experts on religion have been working since 1947 translating the New Testament from the Greek texts into English of "native idiom and current usage."...Cecil B. DeMille, a giant of the motion picture industry, died at the age of 77. In Washington, Vice-President Nixon said, "The world loses one of the truly great showmen of all times."...After a sensational radio program, "The Business of Sex," narrated by Edward R. Murrow last month, in which anonymous call girls disclosed how they were being used by businessmen to stimulate sales and to clinch financial deals, New York City police, headed by Dep. Com. James R. Kennedy, launched an investigation. Murrow and CBS officials followed the policy of non-disclosure of sources. ..More Americans than ever before--one in every six employed persons--have government jobs. The latest official figures show that nearly 11,000,000 men and women are Federal, state or local government employees...Vice-President Nixon will return the visit of First Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan who was here last month by flying to Moscow in the spring...Earl T. Smith resigned as Ambassador to Havana, where he was in disfavor with the revolutionary movement of Fidel Castro. Castro had accused Smith of working with ex-dictator Batista to crush the rebel movement, which the State Department denied...Old-time actress Claire LaMarr, 57, who appeared in many films with Al Jolson, Rudolph Valentino, Erich von Stroheim and Ronald Colman, was found stabbed to death in her fashionable home in Hatton Fields, Calif...Dr. Wernher von Braun, U.S. rocket scientist, said the Russians could set up an unmanned space station on the moon or shoot

a rocket to Mars this year. He warned that unless the U.S. steps up its missile program "we may find ourselves surrounded by several planets flying the Hammer and Sickle flag."...Pan American World Airways announced one of its jets, carrying 97 passengers, set a new New York-to-London record of 7½ hours...The number of U.S. unemployed rose to 4,000,000 during December--an increase of 275,000. This was the biggest monthly jobless increase since last June's postwar high, the Labor Department reported...A formal agreement to hold reciprocal "peaceful expositions" in New York and Moscow this summer has been signed, the State Department announced. To house the American show, a prefabricated $900,000 aluminum dome-shaped building will be erected in Moscow; the Russians have leased three floors of New York's Coliseum for their display...The first edition of "Who's Who of American Women" contains the names of 19,000 prominent women--and one man, Shirley Povich, sports columnist for The Washington Post. "If it's all right with them, it's all right with me," Mr. Povich said...A Lufthansa Super Constellation arriving from Europe and Africa crashed and burned while coming in to land at Galeao International Airport, Rio de Janeiro...Teen-age girls in the Latvian capital of Riga had their heads shaved by the Communist workers militia for performing rock 'n' roll dances, which they called "American immorality."... Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor will take for her fourth husband wealthy West Coast builder Hal Hayes, who presented her with a fabulous 45-carat diamond ring...General of the Army George C. Marshall, 79, World War II chief of staff and author of the postwar Marshall Plan, suffered a stroke at his winter home in Pinehurst, N.C... Percy Barstow, 52, a London bricklayer with two pounds ($5.60) to his name, won 15,000 pounds ($42,000) for one penny in a soccer lottery...Roy Campanella, former Dodger catcher who was crippled in an auto accident a year ago, escaped new injury when his Cadillac was involved in a collision...James Wyatt Earp, 34, of Wichita, Kan., was convicted and fined for possessing gambling equipment. Earp is a grandson of Virgil Earp, a brother of the famous frontier lawman, Wyatt Earp.

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MESSAGE FROM ANNETTE DINSMORE

As you can see from the table of contents, Jannie has made a New Year's resolution to write in her Corner. She was rather self-conscious about this first literary attempt and needed a good deal of help with the copy. Once the first few issues are out, she will feel more comfortable about writing and you, our readers, will begin to get a picture of her personality.

For nineteen days in December, New York City seemed a strange place. Subway and bus riders, as well as pedestrians, moved in a sort of confused daze, gazing blankly into space. This unprecedented state of affairs was due to a strike of news distributors, which eliminated all of the nine major newspapers in the city. Deprived of their daily and Sunday papers, New Yorkers, creatures of habit, seemed like lost soul and stared across the subway aisle in startled surprise, aware of each others' faces perhaps for the first time.

The whole economy of the town was also affected because the strike happened during the height of the Christmas shopping rush--no sales promotion ads of special offerings, no theatre notices of new plays and movies, and no illustrations of suggested Christmas gifts. The impact on business affected thousands of enterprises.

One effect on me, personally, was that several of my favorite radio programs--few enough left nowadays--were converted into prolonged newscasts to help out the news-hungry public. Why couldn't they have eliminated a few disk jockeys instead?

As of ten o'clock Sunday night, December 28 the strike was settled and papers were back on the newsstands the next morning. Glum faces broke into smiles, most people bought two papers instead of the usual one, and, in the subways, heads again were buried behind printed pages. One significant reaction was shown by the fact that no papers were thrown into the litter baskets along the sidewalks--baskets usually are loaded with newspapers hastily read and discarded.

How much more value all of us place on things after we have been deprived of

them for a time!

May Nineteen Fifty Nine bring Peace, Health, and Good Fortune to all of you!

Happy New Year!

Annette Dinsmore

NEWS DIGEST

A nation's jokes can often express the more somber interests of an era, and last month, even as United Nations diplomats grimly pondered the problems of the space age, the U.S. laughed at a coast-to-coast rash of space-age jokes. In their most popular form, the space gags follow the style of a partisan political yak that gained wide currency months ago: a Martian landed on the Augusta National Golf Course, hopped up to Dwight Eisenhower and demanded: "Take me to your leader." Jumping off from there: A Martian lands in Paris, spots Brigitte Bardot and, electric-bulb eyeball flashing furiously, demands: "Take me to your leader--later." A Martian lands on Broadway, hops up to a ducktail-coifed youth in pink pegged pants, asks: "Who are you?" Reply: "Say, daddy-o, I'm a cat." Martian: "Take me to your litter." A be-bop Martian shags up to the Waldorf-Astoria, his face greener with envy at the doorman's magnificent uniform. Doorman, trembling: "Do you want me to take you to my leader?" Martian: "No, you cool cat, I want you to take me to your tailor." A rocket-shot earth-mouse lands on the moon, made as it is of green cheese, and orders: "Take me to your Liederkranz." A gift-bearing Martian, wearing a vicuna coat, last summer landed on the White House front lawn, skittered up to a guard, said: "Lead me to your taker." Other space gags deal with the confrontation of out-of-this-worldlings and earthly devices: A Martian lands in a small, quiet town in dead of night, enters a near-empty eatery, goes up to the jukebox with flashing lights and iridescent bubbles, demands: "Say, what's a slick chick like you doing in a nothin' town like this?" A mamma Martian lands in Brooklyn, sees the jungle of television antennas atop the tenements, cries in alarm: "You kids get right down off the roof." A Martian lands in Chicago's Loop, skips up to a traffic light and says sympathetically: "Gee, Charlie, you must have had a rough night." And who knows what Charlie had?

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The 1959 edition of the New York Social Register, a black, red-bordered book which is edited in Summit, N.J., by Mrs. Edwin C. Barry, now in her late 70s (she was secretary to the Register's founder, Louis Keller), rolled from the presses with attention, as usual, focused on the missing names. Mrs. Barry, who frowns on divorce, marriage to "unlisted persons," and peccadilloes that she deems unworthy of "society," scratched these: Cornelius Vanderbilt (Sonny) Whitney, after his third divorce; Philip Van Rensselaer, for a while the constant traveling companion of Woolworth heiress Barbara Hutton; author John P. Marquand, divorced from his second wife; Georgia Rockefeller, who married unlisted J. Harden Rose; and Timothy Fales, the shipping heir who not only divorced his first wife, but who also was accused of slugging a woman detective, and who topped it off by marrying Negro dancer Josephine Premice, who is featured in the Broadway musical "Jamaica."

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The meeting in New York's Henry Hudson Hotel was deadly serious, and to a reporter who had gotten into it by mistake, utterly bewildering. The sponsor was the Institute of Environmental Engineers and its purpose was to demonstrate, and discuss, their latest devices for creating the kind of temperatures and conditions that might be encountered in, say, outer space. Wandering about, the reporter came to something called a ThermaLmite Test Chamber. It looked like an ordinary icebox but a card on it said it could create temperatures from 200 degrees Fahrenheit below Zero to 400 above. "What do you keep in an icebox like that?" the reporter asked a benevolent environmental engineer. "These, among other things," said the environmental engineer and handed the reporter what looked like an everyday Popsicle It had an unmistakable taste of Scotch whisky. "That's right," said the engineer beaming and helping himself to one, "it's frozen Scotch. We call it a 'Whisicle.' Have another?" The reporter said he didn't mind if he did. "Or maybe," said the engineer, "you'd rather try this one. Frozen champagne. Unfortunately we haven't licked the problem of bubbles yet." The reporter didn't lick any problems that day, either. Just Whisicles.

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At the Leipzig Fair in East Germany last September, visiting West German composer Peter Kreuder agreed to play a few popular tunes on the piano. He had just rolled into one of his "oldies"--a prewar hit called "Good-by, Johnny"--when, much to his astonishment, the crowd suddenly rose to attention. Now, Kreuder is suing East German composer Hans Eisler for $60,000, charging that he stole the music of "Good-by, Johnny" for Communist East Germany's official anthem. Equally embarrassing to the East German Reds is "Good-by, Johnny's" refrain, which goes: In 50 years things will look a different way So don't let your hearts be broken by what is today.

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In Red China's year of the "great leap forward," even roosters are hatching eggs--so Peking claims, anyway. In one commune, the New China News Agency has announced, they castrated a rooster, got it drunk, then set it on the eggs. After doing this for three days running, the rooster did not leave the eggs until the chicks were hatched..."The advantages claimed in using the roosters...are that the hens will be left free to continue laying eggs; that they can hatch more eggs at a time when they are bigger and their feathers are thicker; and also that the roosters grow big and plump after castration."

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An atom-powered bomber, 195-feet long, with a thin, 78-foot wide delta wing designed to withstand speeds twice that of sound, was rolled out of a Russian factory"about six months ago" and has been flying "for at least two months," an air industry journal clamed last month. According to Aviation Week, the Soviet nuclear bomber uses two atom engines, each delivering 70,000 pounds of thrust. Two conventional turbojet engines each provide 35,000 pounds "for take-offs" and "safety purposes." The journal's details came just two weeks after Maj. Gen. Donald Keirn, director of the grounded U.S. atom-plane project, suggested that the Reds may fly a nuclear craft "before the end of the year." Nevertheless, Aviation Week predicted "we are sure" that official Washington reaction will "pooh-pooh the existence" of a Soviet atom plane. In this respect the journal was exactly right.

A deputy to General Keirn said: "We just don't believe it."

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A tiny (4 feet 3 inches) pony-tailed schoolgirl named Barbara, who comes from the guitar-strumming backwoods country of southern Virginia, gave the British a case of nymphetitis (taken from the word "nymphet" which author Vladimir Nabokov uses to describe the sexually precocious "heroine" of his best-selling, often-criticized novel, "Lolita"). Only 14 but married to 21-year-old Norman Scruggs, a U.S. Navy yeoman recently assigned to Britain, she arrived to set up housekeeping with him. Shocked, the British press and public shouted "go home" as loudly as they had seven months ago when rock 'n' roll singer Jerry Lee Lewis acknowledged he was married to a 13-year-old. This time, Labor M.P. Marcus Lipton charged the Scruggses were not only flouting Britain's moral standards but were violating the 1956 Sexual Offenses Act which forbids girls to marry before the age of 16. The tabloid Daily Sketch snorted: What's good for the hillbillies of America doesn't wash here. But it did "wash." The British Home Office, the U.S. Embassay, and the U.S. Navy found that although Barbara had lied when giving her age as 18 last September she did have her parents' consent. The marriage was legal; she could not be deported. Soothingly, Adm. James L. Holloway, Jr., commander -in- chief of U.S. Naval Forces in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, asked the public to let the couple lead "a normal and happy life during Scruggs' tour of duty."

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A royal elephant, favorite of Cambodia's easygoing King Norodom Suramarit, was out strolling around the palace of Pnompenh not long ago when it came upon a red Volkswagen crammed with Russians--a juggler, an accordionist, a magician, a singer, and a clown--all part of a globe-girdling troupe of entertainers and propagandists. If the elephant, a one-tusker named "Altesse" (Highness), were aware that Cambodia's foreign policy (run by the King's son, saxophone-playing Premier Norodom Sihanouk) has been shifting from pro-Western neutralism to Red-tinged neutralism he gave no sign of it. Instead the pachyderm spun the Volkswagen around three times, spilling out Russians in all directions. None was hurt, but the Volkswagen, when last seen,

lay smashed against the palace wall. Altesse was standing before it, trumpeting his pleasure.

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At 78, John Llewellyn Lewis still has a thick, flowing mane and a fearsome roar. He no longer bares his claws at Presidents, Congress and the federal courts; six years have passed since he last called his United Mine Workers out on a major strike. But last month, old John L. showed that his roar can still jolt the coal industry. The mere threat of a U.M.W. strike was enough to make unionized soft-coal operators accept costly new contract terms, topped by a $2-a-day wage boost, which will bring the union miner's standard pay to $24.25 a day. John L. has generally accpted labor-saving machinery and consequent boosts in productivity, but these have not been enough, soft-coal companies implied in announcing that prices would go up after Jan. 1. Economists guessed that the increase would set the pattern for hard coal prices, would be reflected in higher prices in steel and eventually through the rest of the economy.

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With a midnight knock at the door, Francisco Franco's security police struck in cities and towns. In San Sebastian and Madrid, Barcelona and Granada, hurriedly dressed men were hustled into squad cars and packed off to jail. Franco's controlled press still had not told the Spanish people about the arrests; the news filtered through censorship from the Anti-Franco underground. Among the group of at least 54 rounded up since mid-November were university professors and lawyers, students and skilled workers. Most were in their 30s. Some came from Spain's top families. The common "crime": all were socialists opposed to Francisco Frnaco's dictatorship.

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First Comedian: I feel so terrible, I think I'll jump into the Bosporus. Second Comedian: Buck up. Go home, have a drink of raki, eat some good white cheese and meat, put plenty of butter on your bread, relax, have a good cigarette and give thanks for a roof over your head. Tomorrow you'll feel fine. First Comedian: But that's just the trouble. It's thinking about high rent, the rising

prices of cheese, meat, butter, raki and cigarettes that makes me want to jump into the Bosporus. Such jokes did not have to be very funny to evoke bitter laughter from Turks in Istanbul. The government monopoly had just raised its prices on state-produced cigarettes, liquor, matches and tea. Last month, on order from Premier Adnan Menderes, Istanbul's police boss summoned the city's top comedians, songwriters, cabaret and theater owners into his office to lay down the law. Citing a police regulation forbidding public utterances "prejudicial to public morale and to the security and policy of the government," the director announced that any theater or nightclub that permits jokes about the high cost of Menderes would be closed for three months.

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In 29 of the 49 states, marriages between whites and Negroes are prohibited by law. In fifteen of the states, the ban extends to marriages between whites and Orientals; in four, between whites and American Indians. The anti-miscegenation laws form a maze. In South Carolina, for example, a white man may marry a Chinese, but a white woman cannot. In North Carolina, Negroes may marry any Indian, except a Robeson County Cherokee. The anti-miscegenation laws have been challenged since the earliest days of the Republic, but for the most part court decisions have left them firmly entrenched. Last month, however, Harry Bridges, left-wing leader of the ILWU, cracked Nevada's anti-miscegenation laws wide open. Bridges applied in Reno for a license to wed 35-year-old Noriko Sawada, American-born of Japanese ancestry. Thrice Bridges was rebuffed when clerks cited Nevada's law prohibiting all marriages between whites and members of any other race. After two hectic days, Bridges, finally won an opinion from District Judge Taylor Wines that the law is unconstitutional, and got his license. Emerging from a brief wedding ceremony before a justice of the peace, Bridges toasted his bride in champagne. He had upset a law that had gone unchallenged for 94 years. Opponents of anti-miscegenation laws were heartened, but the victory was not complete. County clerks in Nevada are still denying applications for mixed marriages,and the issue headed for the state supreme court.

JANNIE'S CORNER

Hi there! Here I am. My name is Jannie and I am the Boss's new dog. Everything is new for me now.

Do you like to play? I do. I like to bounce a ball and catch it, and I like to bat it around the room. Sometimes I can catch it high up in the air. And it is fun to push it under the couch, or hide it in a shoe. I got a rubber pork chop for Christmas. It is wonderful to chew on and it bounces in funny ways.

Do you know about Christmas? There was a pretty tree and it had big, bright, shiny balls on it. You can't play with the balls on the tree because the Boss says "No!" I did eat a little of the silver and knocked two balls off with my tail, but the Boss says I was pretty good for my first tree. There were lots of packages and I opened my presents myself. Do you like to eat paper? I do. But I am not supposed to.

I hurt my nose and it got all red and puffy. The Boss put some gooey stuff on it and held my mouth so I couldn't lick it off. She called me Rudolf the Red-nosed Reindeer. Why? My nose is all right now and she doesn't call me Rudolf any more. I don't like that name.

I like to play most, but I like to work a little, too. I take the Boss around the streets and sometimes I get a sniff at a post or a tree. The Boss doesn't like me to sniff and I have to do it very fast before she knows I have sniffed. Do you like to sniff things?

Everything is new--my Boss, my home, my bed, my toys, and people too. What is a new year? The Boss says to tell you Happy New Year.

I will write some more again.

I hope you have a new--happy year.

Your new friend,

Jannie Dinsmore

TRIVIA

RICOCHET - In Fort Worth, Shorty's Cafe resounded with gunfire because its owner hid his revolver in the stove and forgot to tell the cook.

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GAME BIRD - One hour after the pheasant season opened, Mrs. R. W. Lind of Laurens, Iowa, bagged a pheasant under her daughter's bed.

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BROKE: THE LAW - Acting on a request from New Orleans authorities, police arrested William Brady of Baton Rouge, La., but let him go when New Orleans probation officials said they had no funds to use to come after him.

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ARSON ON THE ROCKS - In Apleton, Austria, Volunteer Fireman Friedrich Preiner admitted setting fire to 26 houses because alcoholic drinks are "always distributed free to the fire brigade at the scene."

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BLOCK ITCH - Police arrested John Plyman of Hamilton, Ohio, for going from door to door asking people to scratch his back.

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TARNISHED COPPER - In Copenhagen, Inspector Povl Brondt, 51, Denmark's traffic-police chief, lost his right to drive for one year and got a 14-day jail sentence for drunken driving.

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INFANTRY - When Ulrich Draeger of Bonn, West Germany, received notice from the draft board to report for examination, his father put him in a perambulator and wheeled him to the draft board office, where four-month-old Ulrich got a lollipop and was sent home.

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HOOK AND SHATTER - In Ku-ring-gai, Australia, the municipal council asked for a new fire engine after learning that the old one was so beat up it sometimes had to go to fires backwards.

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UNREDEEMED - A gunman tried to rob Sam's Fairway Grocery in Fresno, Calif., wearing a sheet of trading stamps over his face with stamps ripped out to make eye holes.

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ACCORDING TO MARK - In Indianapolis, a woman stopped 80-year-old Damon Peak on the street earnestly began to pray for him while her male companion stole his wallet.

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VEST POINT - When John Jushka of Port Washington, Wis., sent out his Irish setter on the first day of its training as a retriever, the dog came back with a wallet containing $60.

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ADDLESCENCE - Mae Hancock of Segoville, Texas, went to police and asked them to arrest her two boys because "I can't do a thing with them," the cops went to the Hancock house, found Warden, 54, and Guy, 52, sprawled out drunk in the carport.

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HIGHER FACULTY - In University Park, Pa., Penn State's Liberal Arts Newsletter reported a talk given by Dean Euwema, said the dean had asserted that "problems brought to him are more easily solved if they are accompanied by a solution."

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GROUND STROKE - When the cops made broad insinuations about Kaston Gailius of Windsor Locks, Conn., by testifying in court that when they nabbed him, his eyes were watery, his face was flushed and he could not pick up a coin from the floor, Gailius won an acquittal by explaining that sinus trouble had made him teary, he had been sunburned, and he was exhausted from a game of tennis.

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SPORTS SHOTS

Will Harridge, 72, President of the American League since 1931, resigned; Boston's Joe Cronin will succeed him, according to an Associated Press report... Tris Speaker, the former great "Gray Eagle" of American League outfields and seventh member of the game's Hall of Fame, died of a heart attack at 70...Ernie Banks of the Chicago Cubs was voted the Most Valuable Player of the National League. He batted .318 and hit 47 home runs...It is expected that the major-league record for home runs in one park (219) will be broken at the Los Angeles Coliseum this year; the present 390-foot fence in right field will be moved in 20 feet...At baseball's winter meeting in Washington major league club owners vetoed players' union demand for 20 per cent of each ball club's gross income, including concession revenue, to be set aside for player salaries...The Pittsburg Pirates are expected to close a deal with the Cincinnati Reds, sending third baseman Frank Thomas to the Reds as part of a package...Ted Williams may quit baseball to accept an agent's $400,000 offer for a movie and magazine package of his life story...Earl Buchholz, 18, who reached the final round of Australia's New South Wales tennis tournament last month, looms as the finest U.S. junior champion since Bobby Riggs...Ed Lubanski of Detroit won the men's invitational world's bowling championship and Charlote Grubic of Steelton, Pa., captured the women's title in Chicago...Lance Reventlow, 22, playboy son of Barbara Hutton, won the Governor's Cup race at Nassau, Bahamas, in his Scarab, a sports car he built himself...Saddened by last year's deaths of his racing mates, Peter Collins and Luigi Musso, the first Briton to win the world's driving championship, Mike Hawthorn, 29, retired one month after winning the title...Bill Corum, one of America's great Sports columnists, died of a heart attack at 63...West Germany's jumping team won an easy victory at Toronto's Royal Winter Fair, completing a sweep of U.S. and Canadian horse shows in its first Western Hemisphere appearance since 1954.

MARGINALIA

The AEC disclosed that engineers at Germantown, Md., have designed "Bevaton," a super-super H-bomb, packing a blast equivalent to 1 billion tons of TNT--nearly seventy times more powerful than the biggest bomb tested so far. Its explosion would be so devastating that the Pentagon could find no military use for it; civilian scientists suggested it might be used to shear off a mountain or open a path across the Arctic...Charles Kettering, inventor of the self-starter, which revolutionized the automobile and eventually earned him over $30 million as an executive of General Motors, died at 82...After twenty years of marriage, Lily Pons, 54, coloratura soprano of New York's Metropolitan Opera since 1931, and Russian-born conductor Andre Kostelanetz, 57, were divorced...Famed Italian designer of men's coats Angelo Litrico, who last year was invited to Russia to make a coat for Nikita Khrushchev, arrived in the U.S. with a gift for President Eisenhower--a vicuna coat. He said he hadn't heard about Sherman Adams and his famous vicuna coat...Maurice Chevalier, 70, world-famous entertainer, said he would leave his native France to start a "new career" as an actor in the U.S...Judge H.M. Pratt of Torquay, England, granted an injunction forbidding Miss Isabel Tanner, 64, from attending St. John's Church. The Rev. Anthony Rouse, a 42-year-old bachelor, told the court that his maiden parishioner sat in the front pew and kept smiling at him...Sir Hubert Wilkins, pioneer of flight over the polar ice cap, early explorer of the Arctic Sea by submarine and one of the greatest authorities on arctic and antarctic regions, died of a heart attack at 70...Two disillusioned disciples, Ralph Muller, 33, and Peter Kamenoff, 42, blew up the headquarters of a neo-Christian sect in the San Fernando Valley, Calif., killing themselves, seven other disciples and their bearded, robed and barefoot "Master," Krishna Venta, who claimed to be the "Son of God," after they learned he had violated their spouses. By his dental bridgework the "Master" was identified as Francis Heindswatzer Penovic, 47, ex-convict...Dr. Ricardo Galeazzi-Lisi, the

personal physician of the late Pope Pius XII, has been barred from practicing in Italy, for selling articles and photographs on the Pope's passing to newspapers... A 100-ton "Motorboat on Wings," carrying 300 passengers at 80 miles an hour, is being built by a shipyard in Messina, Sicily. Its revolutionary design will cause the hull to rise above the surface of the water, giving it a "flying" effect...A frail elderly woman, whom police described as a "thin, grandmotherly type in her sixties," robbed New York's First National City Bank of $3,000. She forced a 24-year-old teller to surrender the money by threatening to "splash acid" in his face from a liquid-filled drinking glass she was holding...Cigarettes contain at least fourteen times as much arsenic as is permitted in food, a group of Texas scientists reported. They said that arsenic was the only component in cigarette smoke that was known to be carcinogenic (cancer causing) in man...Gareth Jones, 35, played the part of a man with a weak heart in a TV play in London. Midway through the performance he collapsed with a heart attack and died...Ex-Premier U Nu of Burma, who recently turned over his governmental burdens to General Ne Win, was ordained as a Buddhist priest in Rangoon...From his haven in Buenos Aires, Vittorio Mussolini, 41, who went AWOL from the Italian Air Force in 1943, informed his lawyers that he would return to Italy to defend himself before the Florence military court...Prof. Amadore Porcella of the Vatican Art Gallery identified three paintings bought by two Chicago lawyers for $2,170 as 16th-century masterpieces by Ciorgione, Bellini and Raphael worth more than $1,500,000...Sen. Theodore F. Green, 91, R.I. Democrat, oldest man ever to serve in the Senate, was recovering after surgery for a cataract in his left eye...Sherman Adams will tell his side of the story in his memoirs, which will be published by Harper & Brothers and serialized in Life--for $100,000, plus royalties...Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist MacKinlay Kantor explained in sixteen words why he doesn't like the 20th century as well as the 19th: "I don't like ball-point pens, I don't like television, and I don't like Zsa Zsa Gabor."

HEADLINERS OF YESTERDAY

Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor seventeen years ago last month, is now 76, and lives in retirement with his wife in a three-bedroom house on a 1½-acre plot in Groton, Conn. Although he suffered a heart attack eight years ago, he does a lot of gardening and enjoys visitors. Kimmel and the Army's Hawaiian commander, the late Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, were blamed for the heavy losses suffered in the sneak Japanese attack but were never court-martialed. The admiral, relieved of his command ten days after the bombing and retired in March 1942, has claimed he was "smeared" and charged that pre-attack intelligence reports were not relayed to him.

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Adm. Kichisaburo Nomura, the Japanese Ambassador to Washington when Pearl Harbor was attacked (he and the late Saburo Kurusu, a special envoy, were waiting to meet with Secretary of State Cordell Hull at the time), was 81 on Dec. 16. Despite his age, Admiral Nomura was busy last month stumping Wakayama Prefecture preparing for a re-election campaign for the upper house of the Diet. He is president of Japan Victor Co., which makes radios, phonographs, and records, and lives with his son and daughter-in-law in the quiet residential section of Denenchofu in Southwest Tokyo. He attends at least two dinner parties a week, often in homes of Americans, is one of the most outspoken advocates of close ties with the U. S.

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Alger Hiss, who ten years ago last month was indicted for lying when he said he never gave Whittaker Chambers any secret State Department documents, is managing a comb-manufacturing company in New York City where he has worked for two years. He is now 54 and still lean of build and face, lives with his wife, Priscilla, in the Greenwich Village apartment to which he returned in 1954 when he was released from Federal prison after serving three years and eight months of his five-year sentence. Mrs. Hiss also works, in a book store. Their 17-year-old son, Anthony, is at boarding school.

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